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Ark Royal on alert as UK troops return fire

By Michael Evans and Roger Boyes

A ROYAL Navy task force led by the aircraft carrier HMS *Ark Royal* is expected to sail for the Adriatic this week to support British troops in Bosnia-Herzegovina. British forces in the former Yugoslav republic have come under repeated attack from Serb positions and yesterday they fired in anger for the first time. The task force may be used either to move them out or to provide extra firepower.

The carrier, equipped with eight Sea Harrier jump jets, would take seven days to arrive and would be accompanied by a destroyer, a frigate and up to three support vessels, including a ship bearing artillery ammunition. The American carrier USS *John F Kennedy* with its 80 warplanes has already moved into the Ionian Sea ready for the short journey to the Adriatic coast.

The cabinet decision on whether to send the task force will depend on the Geneva peace conference, which yesterday suffered another setback with the departure of Bosnia's President Izetbegovic for talks in Senegal aimed at persuading Islamic countries to arm his people.

Lord Owen, co-chairman of the peace conference insisted last night: "It is no drama, just a slight hiccup. It is not a walkout." But there was no doubting that the chance of the negotiations reaching a successful conclusion had receded in the aftermath of the shooting of the Bosnian deputy prime minister, Hakija Turajlic, on Friday night. If the talks do founder, some form of foreign intervention — either enforcement of the ban on Serb flights over the republic or the arming of the Muslims by Islamic supporters — seems almost inevitable.

Reports from Washington over the weekend suggested that Bill Clinton, the president-elect, may consider easing the present UN arms embargo and pressure is continuing for the United Nations to pass a resolution enforcing the "no-fly" zone. The French also indicated their frustration yesterday when Roland Dumas, the foreign minister, said that France would act alone if necessary to liberate prison camps where civilians had been raped and tortured. He also said the UN should authorise force to impose the air exclusion zone within the next few days.

The government fears that if such a resolution is passed, British troops will need more protection from Serb attacks, and John Major and his cabinet colleagues will decide in the next day or so whether to dispatch the *Ark Royal*. The clash near Kladanj in northern Bosnia yesterday was the most serious involving British troops. Men from the 9th/12th Lancers fired a barrage of 30mm shells after being attacked from Serb positions while escorting a Danish convoy returning from the besieged city of Tuzla. No injuries were reported and there was no more shooting from the Serb positions.

The British contingent has repeatedly been attacked along the road from Tuzla and officers have recently tried to negotiate safe passage with the Serbs. The British camp in Tomislavgrad in southwest Bosnia, where 500 troops are based, was also bombarded twice on Friday. Nobody was hurt, but a workshop was destroyed.

If such attacks were to increase, the *Ark Royal* could be used to move the British troops out, although neither ministers nor the men on the ground favour evacuation. If the troops remain, the arrival

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United in grief: the eldest daughter of Hakija Turajlic, the deputy prime minister of Bosnia, being comforted by relatives at his funeral in Sarajevo

Calcutt's proposals condemned by editors

By Jill Sherman and Kate Alderson

NEWSPAPER editors yesterday declared total opposition to the government if it attempts to implement the recommendations of the Calcutt report on press conduct, being considered by ministers. They condemned the leaked proposals for statutory press controls as unacceptable censorship which "struck at the heart of a democracy".

The government has until now been reluctant to back statutory controls on the press, further undermining relations with Conservative papers, and ministerial sources hinted that the report's findings might not be accepted in full.

David Banks, editor of the *Daily Mirror*, said the report was a "a concerted attack on all papers. Governments will always try to stand on the throat of the press." Andrew Neil, editor of *The Sunday Times*, issued a warning that the press would fight the proposals to the hilt. "This is a way of politicians, parlous second-rate pygmies, getting control of the press. Implementation of Calcutt's proposals would mean an end to reports such as those on thalidomide, Matrix Churchill and *Spycatcher*."

The proposals "must be fought and must be defeated", Peter Stothard, editor of *The Times*, said. "The future of an independent press is a fundamental issue for British democracy, not to be confused with pseudo-philosphical notions favoured by this government like the Citizen's Charter. I have not given up hope that as the debate goes on John Major will see that difference for himself." Kelvin MacKenzie, for *The Sun*, said: "We're not going to have some clapped out judge and two busybodies deciding what goes into our paper."

The heritage department last night refused to confirm the report's contents.

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William Rees-Mogg

The madness of wider state control

Today William Rees-Mogg, who has just left *The Independent*, joins *The Times* to write a weekly column. Lord Rees-Mogg, chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, begins with a timely reminder of the duties and responsibilities of the press and a warning as to what could happen if the state takes wider powers.

He writes: "The state operates a powerful system to spy on communications. We know that it has spied on at least two prime ministers; perhaps it spies on all prime ministers. We know that in Peter Wright's time MI5 ran out of control and was spying on its

own bosses. We know that it operated for at least 40 years a massive secret supervision of the BBC. It may well have been involved recently in the spying done on members of the royal family. It would be madness, in the name of the protection of privacy, to give the state wider powers to control the press."

Lord Rees-Mogg joins Alexander Chancellor, who will write on Saturday, on Britain's most formidable page of newspaper opinion. Bernard Levin's column returns tomorrow.

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Shetland islanders face health tests

By Ray Clancy and Michael Horsnell

HUNDREDS of Shetland islanders living within a two-mile radius of the stricken oil tanker *Braer* are to be tested by teams of doctors from the mainland amid increasing fears for their health.

Blood and urine tests on the 600 people living in the vicinity of the wreck will begin tomorrow, the Shetland Islands council announced last night. The move was disclosed as near hurricane-force winds again hampered salvage and clean-up efforts.

Dr Derek Cox, director of the islands' public health, confirmed there was much "stress and anxiety" among the population that had prompted his decision to instigate the health programme. He dismissed claims that the spraying of chemicals on the oil slick was adding to any health problems.

Children are being kept indoors, pregnant women have been advised not to go outside and those who suffer from asthma and other respiratory diseases told to consult their GPs if symptoms worsen. So far people are suffering sore throats, noses and eyes, as well as nausea and headaches. The water supply on Shetland is being tested three times a day but has not been contaminated. A helpline for local people has also been set up.

John MacGregor, the transport secretary, will make a statement on the disaster in the Commons today when parliament resumes. Mr MacGregor is expected to outline new safety proposals under the auspices of the International Maritime Organisation, a United Nations agency.

Representatives of the local seafood industry said that more than 90 per cent of the Shetland Islands' fishing grounds and 75 per cent of its salmon farms remain unaffected by the oil spill. The Safeway food chain announced that it would continue buying Shetland salmon; only Marks & Spencer and Tesco have stopped buying it.

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Coal subsidy plan would raise fuel bills

By Jill Sherman and Patricia Tehan

MICHAEL Heseltine is considering a hefty coal subsidy as a way of reprieving up to seventeen pits in a huge climbdown over closure proposals announced in October.

One of the leading options being studied by Mr Heseltine, the president of the board of trade, is a subsidy of £10 a tonne that could save up to 10,000 miners' jobs. The £700 million proposal, which is said to be backed by British Coal and the electricity industry, could add 8p per pound to electricity bills unless it is funded directly by the Treasury.

Another option is to transfer to the coal industry between £250 million and £400 million of the £1.2 billion subsidy now given to the nuclear industry. This would have no impact on consumers' bills but would save fewer pits — probably only six to ten — and might be fought by the Treasury, which might have to supply additional grants for the nuclear industry.

At least 14 pits would still close under the first proposal and 20,000 jobs would go, but British Coal would be given a breathing space to reduce its prices to the levels of imported coal.

MPs on the Commons trade and industry committee are considering similar proposals, although one Tory MP argued that unless the coal subsidy was switched from nuclear power, higher electricity bills could cause as much of an outcry as the initial closure programme. Industry sources pointed out that if cheaper coals was produced as a result of the subsidy, bills might be unaffected.

The outcome of the government's review will be published in a white paper next month which is expected to argue the case for securing contracts for an extra 10 million to 15 million tonnes of coal. The paper is expected to recommend the most feasible options to expand the British

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Bolshoi Ballet given grave reviews by the critics

By Alison Roberts
Arts Reporter

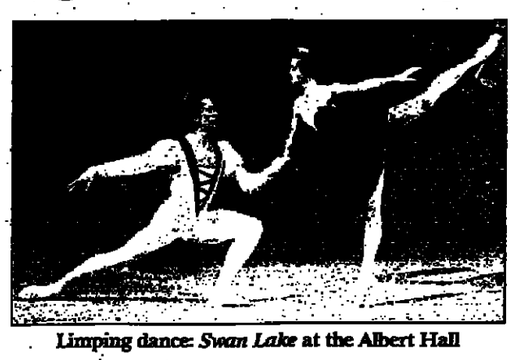
THE premiere of the Bolshoi Ballet's £3 million "stadium" season at the Albert Hall has been panned by dance critics who remain unimpressed by the Russian "dance event of the century".

Edward Thorpe, dance critic for the London *Evening Standard*, said that Saturday night's performance was "the same tawdry, emasculated production we have seen before, in a rather less suitable setting".

Anne Sacks, ballet critic of *The Independent on Sunday*, called the premiere "lacklustre" and feared that the season, surrounded by huge promotional hype, could turn into a disaster. "The company was not ready to open," she wrote yesterday.

Ann Nugent, of *The Stage*, said that the excerpts from three classical ballets, performed instead of staging one full-length production, had "cheapened" and "trivialised" the art; most agreed that taking scenes out of context did not work. "Merely trying to see what the Bolshoi is doing as art is pointless. It is just entertainment," she said. The death of Mercutio in *Romeo and Juliet* provoked giggles from the audience.

Yuri Grigorovich, the Bolshoi's artistic director, is criticised for lacking dramatic sense in his choice of scenes from the ballets. "What is he trying to prove beyond sensation?" asked Ms Nugent. John Percival, for *The Times*, writes: "Grigorovich's version [of Romeo and Juliet] is theatrically and choreographically half-baked, anyway, compared to the Bolshoi's own staging by Lavrovsky ... or those given by every major British company." Mr Grigorovich was not available for comment yesterday.



Limping dance: *Swan Lake* at the Albert Hall

Having conquered the West in 1956, the Bolshoi Ballet was exposed to damning criticism during its last visit to Britain in 1989 when a decline in standards was widely noticed. Allen Robertson, dance editor for *Time Out*, said that he had been pleasantly surprised by the performance, but the season was "certainly not the dance event of the century". He added: "So much of it was so off the wall in terms of what we expect from one of the great classical companies in the world."

There was a mixed reponse to the conversion of the Albert Hall: many thought that the stage, creating a ballet in the round, was a failed experiment. Mr Robertson had been astounded to see members of the audience taking flash photographs, blinding a portion of the audience opposite.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Labour approves Irish coalition deal

A coalition government with an overwhelming parliamentary majority is poised to take power in Ireland tomorrow after Labour party delegates backed the partnership deal with Fianna Fáil yesterday (Richard Ford writes). The centre-left administration will have a majority of more than 60 after the general election seven weeks ago.

It will be the first coalition between Fianna Fáil and Labour. Albert Reynolds, the Fianna Fáil leader, is due to be elected taoiseach tomorrow, with Labour having up to six seats in a cabinet of 15.

A 60-page programme for government is full of aspirations but short on costs. Agreements have yet to be reached on spending and tax proposals for the 1993 budget. Proposals include state-led intervention to liberalise the economy and cut unemployment; a referendum seeking removal of the constitutional ban on divorce; legislation to decriminalise homosexuality; and a register of the interests of MPs, civil servants and directors of state-run bodies.

£6m in Maxwell fund

The Maxwell Pensioners Trust has raised £6 million for former newspaper employees defrauded by the late Robert Maxwell. In a letter to *The Times* today, the chairman of the trust, Sir John Cuckney, said he hoped the trust would achieve its goal within the next three months of raising tens of millions. He has retained the services of an unnamed retired high court judge to act as mediator in the legal settling of claim disputes. The money raised so far has helped to ensure that every Maxwell pensioner receives some income. Sir John's letter coincides with the publication today of a Commons report on the Maxwell debacle.

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Ulster GoC named

A former commander of a Royal Irish Rangers battalion is to be the next general officer commanding of the army in Northern Ireland. Major General Roger Wheeler, 51, an Oxford graduate, will replace Lieutenant General Sir John Wilsey as the army's new chief in the province next month. General Wheeler has served with the Royal Ulster Rifles in Borneo and commanded the Royal Irish Rangers in Belize and Berlin. Since 1990 he has been assistant chief of the general staff at the Ministry of Defence.

New Ripper interview

The Yorkshire Ripper is to be interviewed by the new chief constable of West Yorkshire about unsolved murders and attempted murders. Keith Hellawell was a chief inspector with the force when he worked on the Ripper investigation in the seventies. He has interviewed Peter Sutcliffe many times since and will question him again at Broadmoor after he takes charge of the force next month. West Yorkshire police said that although no action was to be taken on two confessions to attempted murder made by Sutcliffe, at least two other murders were being investigated. "In view of the special relationship between Mr Hellawell and Sutcliffe we will be asking Mr Hellawell to question Sutcliffe."

Family offer reward

The family of murdered businessman Donald Urquhart is planning to offer a substantial reward for information leading to the arrest of his killer. Mr Urquhart, 56, shown right, was shot dead near his west London home on January 2 by a contract killer on a motorcycle. Detectives now believe the killer also assassinated Roger Wilson, 46, an off-licence owner, in south London last March.

Bean scheme pays off

Factory workers in Birmingham and Manchester are earning cocoa beans instead of money. The payslips of 320 staff at Presbar Diecastings record the number of beans earned and their price on the commodities market. At the end of every three months, the value of the beans is calculated and, if the price has risen, workers are paid a bonus. Any shortfall is covered by the company. The scheme also exploits a payroll loophole, allowing staff to pay lower National Insurance contributions.

Draw in chess opener

There was a draw after 46 moves in the opening game in Madrid last night of Nigel Short's match with the Dutchman Jan Timman for a place in the final of the world chess championship. After 23 moves Short had achieved a solid position but Timman parried with a speculative pawn sacrifice. In the final position Short was a knight ahead but it was not sufficient for a victory as Timman was about to capture the Englishman's final pawn. The winner of the match will challenge Gary Kasparov for the world crown.

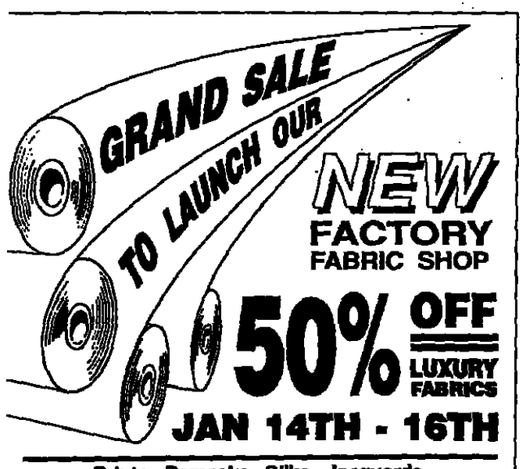

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Image conscious: Neil Kinnock and Barbara Follett, a Labour style consultant, applauding Clinton campaign aides at a London conference

Smith to end union block vote

By Jill Sherman, Political Correspondent

JOHN Smith yesterday sided with the modernists in the Labour party and made clear that he intended getting rid of the trade union block vote at party conferences. While denying any "Clintonisation" of the party, he insisted that the trade union link should be "individualised".

In a move that is likely to concern party reformers, he made no commitment to remove Clause 4, the nationalisation clause that has been the bedrock of Labour's constitution.

Interviewed on BBC television's *Breakfast with Frost* programme, Mr Smith said that block votes, where a trade union leader casts a vote on behalf of a million members, were inconsistent with the pattern of internal democracy of the party.

In an attempt to address accusations of drift and criticism that he has failed to show leadership, Mr Smith declared his position but refused to be drawn on his view on proportional representation. While he was proud of labour's links with the party, he was intent on "individualising" the trade union relationship on the principle of one member one vote, Mr Smith said.

"We will not have block votes. The notion of one trade union general secretary casting millions of votes will not happen in future." He also made clear that decisions on trade union reforms would need to be finalised at this year's conference.

Later this month the party's national executive will be presented with the findings of its working party on trade union reform. This will make recommendations about trade union influence on the leadership elections, the selection and reselection of parliamentary candidates and policy making at party conference.

Mr Smith said one of the options was an assisted membership scheme for the selection of parliamentary candidates where union members paid a levy to the party. Mr Smith is still said to be keen on diminishing the trade union role in the election of the party leader and deputy.

He anticipates abolishing the block vote by giving delegates individual votes. At present one union may have 40 delegates but only one vote. Mr Smith is concerned that delegates' votes should fairly represent individual trade unionists' views.

John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general union, welcomed Mr Smith's intention to abandon the block vote and said his union would do all it could to help Mr Smith to get the changes in place at this year's conference.

Questioned on whether he would abandon Clause 4, Mr Smith said the public never raised this issue and he did not think there was any point "in arguing about theology".

Commenting on concerns within the party that Labour was intent on adopting Bill Clinton's policies, Mr Smith ruled out any "Clintonisation", saying Labour should not copy what was being done in a different society and under different circumstances. Lessons could be drawn however from the Clinton campaign.

In an attempt to counteract criticism by John Prescott, shadow transport secretary, and Clare Short, MP for Birmingham Ladywood, that the party was abandoning its core values and "cloth cap" image, Mr Smith said the next election would not be won by "flashy or sensational politics". Policy had to be formulated carefully and promoted with "evangelical fervour".

Mr Smith said his three policy priorities were a commitment to growth and employment, to reform the country's antiquated constitution with a Bill of Rights and devolving power to the regions, and securing social justice by providing the poor with greater opportunities and transforming the social security system from a safety net to a springboard. "I believe that bringing down unemployment is the most important thing."

Major against change to VAT and tax relief

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

JOHN Major is expected to resist Treasury pressure for Budget changes to the structure of mortgate interest relief and VAT increases designed to finance soaring public-sector borrowing.

Senior ministers and backbenchers believe that the prime minister, who is said to be taking the closest possible interest in the shaping of the March Budget, accepts that recovery remains too uncertain to risk a further blow to industrial and consumer confidence.

This emerged yesterday as Mr Major's close colleagues voiced irritation about the speculation over higher taxes, and renewed discussion on phasing out mortgate relief, that surrounded the two days of talks between Treasury ministers and officials at Chevening, the Chancellor's official country home in Kent.

Mr Major yesterday held a strategy session at Chequers with members of the Downing Street policy unit and Sir Norman Fowler, Conservative chairman. Today senior party officials will be called in for a similar exercise.

Party and government officials emphasised that the gatherings were confidential and would not result in policy announcements. Significantly, however, it was disclosed that the future of mortgage tax relief was not on the agenda for either meeting.

Senior MPs claim that Mr Major believes a sustained recovery is the best means of reducing the public sector borrowing requirement, which could reach £50 billion by 1993-4. He feels that extending or increasing VAT from its present rate of 17.5 per cent would harm the prospects of a consumer-led recovery and could be counter-productive if VAT receipts fell.

Although he is sympathetic to the idea of longer-term reform of the mortgage relief system, he is said to believe that talk of imminent cuts would be damaging because of its potential effect on the weak housing market. Future options could include confining tax relief to first-time buyers and paying more of the relief as a lump sum at the start of the loan in order to encourage buyers.

Senior MPs voiced confidence that the prime minister would not be swayed by what was described as the Treasury's "obsession" with the public sector borrowing requirement.

Radical tax changes may have to be delayed until this year's second Budget, in November or December, but the freezing of tax allowances in March remains a possibility and a sharp increase in the duty on petrol looks certain.

Measures to help the longer-term unemployed were discussed at the session at the prime minister's official country residence. The policy unit has drawn up a plan to offer them temporary work with companies or voluntary organisations, although the Treasury is unhappy about the likely cost of subsidising the jobs.

Ministers are also considering Budget changes to capital gains tax to encourage long-term industrial investment, in line with Mr Major's objective of ensuring that the Budget promotes economic recovery.

Oxbridge white men keep grip on Bench

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

NEWLY-appointed judges are still being recruited overwhelmingly from public schools and Oxbridge. Invariably, they are also male and white, according to an analysis of recent judicial appointments that is published today.

The figures show that last year, of newly-appointed judges educated in the United Kingdom, 86 per cent attended Oxford or Cambridge universities and 83 per cent attended private schools.

Although two women were appointed to the High Court bench — Dame Ann Ebsworth and Dame Janet Smith — no woman was appointed to the Court of Appeal or House of Lords in 1992. The average of appointment to the High Court in 1992 was 52.

The figures were compiled by Stephen Byers, Labour MP for Wallsend and chairman of Labour's home affairs committee. He described them as "depressing and disappointing".

☐ Evidence of the shortage of permanent High Court judges and continuing use of retired judges or deputies comes from figures for 1991 which show that 500 "judge days" in the High Court and Court of Appeal were dealt with by judges aged over 75.

Students take the bait for science subjects

By John O'Leary, Education Correspondent

YEARS of trying to lure students away from the arts and into science and technology are starting to pay off, according to unpublished figures on university enrolments.

While business courses continue to be the main attraction for entrants to higher education, science is showing the next biggest increase in the current academic year. Places in engineering and technology, traditionally the hardest to fill, are also up significantly.

Student numbers have been increasing rapidly in recent years but most growth has come in the arts and social sciences. Fewer than 40 per cent of students take science or technology.

Ministers are anxious to redress the balance and have exempted science courses from a 30 per cent cut in the fees received by universities. Fees already reflected the higher cost of laboratory-based degrees but a wider differential is intended as an incentive to recruitment in the government's priority subjects.

Early returns to the Higher Education Funding Council for England suggests that the tide is already turning. The number of students starting full-time science courses in new and old universities is up by 12 per cent, and engineering and technology are up 8 per cent. Although the business boom has produced 19 per cent growth in the social sciences, humanities departments took only 4 per cent more undergraduates.

Professor Graeme Davies, chairman of the HEFC, said: "The figures suggest that there is scope for universities to expand even during a period of consolidation in the arts and social sciences. Universities are all examining their own individual policies and there will be a slowdown in overall growth, but it is interesting that the science side is already beginning to take off."

Graduate employment forecasts to be published tomorrow are likely to confirm continuing shortages in technological areas, in spite of over provision elsewhere. John Patten, the education secretary, has considered offering state bursaries to encourage more students into engineering.

Jeffrey Rooker, Labour's higher education spokesman, said: "I approve of the emphasis on science and technology because that has been sadly neglected, but it should not be at the expense of the arts and social sciences. A change of direction could have been achieved without bringing havoc to universities and closing off opportunities to sixth formers."

Rooker: science sadly neglected

Coal freighter stranded as gales buffet Britain

By Jenny Knight

A FREIGHTER was swept onto a sand bank by high seas in the Bristol Channel yesterday as winds gusting to hurricane force lashed Britain, bringing down trees and cutting off power to thousands of homes.

The 800-tonne Dutch-registered *Snipe*, loaded with coal, was travelling from Cardiff to Truro, Cornwall, when it ran into trouble off Minehead, Somerset, in force-10 winds. It was aground for six hours before being refloated when the tide turned. Police warned sightseers trying to walk out to the stranded ship at low tide to turn back or risk drowning.

Elsewhere, seafronts were closed and walkers were warned to stay clear of sea walls lashed by waves. Homes were flooded and an 87-year-old woman escaped unhurt when winds ripped the gable end off her home near Swindon, Wiltshire.

The body of a young woman canoeist was found on the shore of Loch Etive, Argyll, yesterday. The woman, Karen Fretwell, 26, a scientific civil servant from Oban, had been swept down the swollen river Awe, as she and her husband tried to negotiate a steep gorge on Saturday. Her husband was thrown out of the two-seater canoe and struggled ashore to raise the alarm.

Winds were strongest in northern Scotland where gusts of around 90mph were recorded, but torrential rain, high winds and fallen trees made roads across the country treacherous. Among the worst affected areas were Oxfordshire, Sussex, Surrey, Kent, Hampshire and Somerset. The storms were caused by a near-record atmospheric depression between northwest Scotland and Iceland. There were widespread power cuts affecting homes in Kent, Cornwall, Wiltshire, Hampshire. Homes were reported flooded in Dorset and Hampshire.

High winds were expected to continue overnight and to abate only very slowly today.

An RAF Sea King helicopter rescued a canoeist stuck in a tree, still in his craft. The man was driven into branches of trees on a small island as water levels rose on the Usk in Dyfed-Powys. Twelve Gurkhas travelling near by in a 12-ton military vehicle, with a boat on board, stood by to assist.

A flock of 60 sheep were carried to safety by firefighters when they were stranded on high ground when the river Arun in Sussex burst its banks. Speed restrictions were imposed on the Severn Bridge, from which high-sided vehicles and motor-cycles were banned; the conditions caused a seven-mile tailback on the eastbound side. Cross-channel ferry services were reported delayed.

In Scotland, snowdrifts were a problem, particularly in the Grampian region. Roads were flooded when the Clyde burst its banks at high tide at Renfrew. Other areas hit by road flooding included Lochgilphead and Tarbert, in Argyll.

In Wales, the A40 at Bryn, in Gwent, was restricted by flooding.

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Bishops warned of schism over women

By Ruth Gledhill, Religion Correspondent

BISHOPS in the Church of England must be prepared to relinquish power if a schism is to be avoided, traditionalists warn today.

In an open letter to the 53 members of the House of Bishops, which meets in Manchester today, an organisation representing 3,400 clergy says that most Anglo-Catholics could withdraw or be driven out over the issue of women priests.

Forward in Faith, a new body made up of all the groups who oppose the ordination of women priests, calls for a system of "alternative episcopal oversight". The House of Bishops, whose meeting ends on Thursday and which will include a further 58 bishops tomorrow, is believed to be unwilling to go as far as the traditionalists want because most bishops are opposed to relinquishing any of their episcopal authority or to creating a structure which resembles a church within a church.

Traditionalists are adamant that the Church faces a serious situation which could result in the exodus of almost the entire Catholic wing. Dr David Hope, one of 12 bishops known to oppose the legislation, still believes it to be unworkable. Another bishop, who asked not to be named, said: "I am quite depressed about it. My diocese is virtually unmanageable already."

Traditionalists have remained largely quiet since the General Synod voted to ordain women priests in November, acceding to the period of reflection called for by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey. But they say this period has ended and it is time for the House of Bishops to devise a workable package to preserve the Church of England as both "catholic and reformed".

In the letter to the House of Bishops, the Reverend John Broadhurst, chairman of Forward in Faith, calls for "adequate and just provision" for those unable to accept such a change in "the church's doctrine and practice".

Forward in Faith proposes an "assured succession of bishops who do not ordain women to the priesthood, or recognise them as priests". They call for liberty for clergy and parishes to associate themselves for sacramental and pastoral purposes with those bishops. The letter, also signed by vice-chairman Alison Humphreys, says: "Without some provision for alternative episcopal oversight, we will all be in an impossible situation."

Father Broadhurst says the leaders of the catholic movement have had to exercise a determined effort to stop priests making hasty decisions since the vote.

Heseltine considers coal subsidy

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coal market, but will also point to the huge cost implications.

Whitehall officials said that the paper would not detail which pits could be saved. Such decisions would be left to British Coal.

The Commons employment committee is also expected to produce a critical report on how the initial announcement of the pit closures was handled. British Coal and the trade and industry department will be castigated for failing to consult the employment department. The report will also point to the costs of making up to 100,000 people redundant from the closures.

The report, due on January 21, is expected to recommend that no decision should be taken on the pit closures until the government has costed the unemployment implications, which could be up to £800 million a year.

The trade and industry committee's report is expected to be published in about two weeks. It is likely to argue that the coal market can be extended by about 15 million tonnes, saving 14 to 15 pits, if the government intervenes.

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Shetland battens down for economic storm

By Walter Ellis

THE wind was gusting at hurricane strength as clergy throughout Shetland offered prayers yesterday for salvation from the creeping menace of oil. But not all flock were listening: most were at home, sheltering from the storm.

It was hard to stand up in exposed places but some of the islanders had no choice but to venture out. Rab Gibson, a crofter and salmon packer, was in his fields in Hamnavoe, West Burra, feeding hay to his sheep. He had been told that his grass had been polluted by oil still seeping from the stricken tanker *Braer* and that his animals should not eat it. The little hay he had stored is nearly gone and he has been unable to find new supplies.

George Williamson, dressed in oilskins and bent almost double against the gale, was checking his boat, moored in Scalloway. Mr Williamson is a salmon farmer, whose holding — one of 63 on the islands — was one of the first to be affected by the oil. His insurance company has said that he must not feed his fish in case the pellets become coated with oil. If he does not feed the smolts, they will die. He has also been told that he must not harvest the fish and is left to wonder how long he can continue to pay his two full-time workers.

Grace Williamson, his wife, said that a disaster of some kind had been expected off Shetland for years. "But no one thought that it would happen with someone else's oil, from a ship out of Norway. We thought it would be our oil, up in Sullom Voe, and the main effect would be in the north, not the south. At least it was Norwegian light, not the heavy, black stuff we produce here."

Many echo her ambivalence. Some believe that the effect of the disaster has been much exaggerated. They say that, beyond the immediate area of the *Braer*, the covering of oil is thin and ask how this can be considered enough to poison the land or justify a ban on harvesting salmon.

Mr Gibson's wife, Jesse, said that life for Shetlanders was hard enough already, without the latest threat to their security. Her husband works three crofts as well as packing salmon for Saga Seafoods, no one knows how long the factory can remain open.

For some, the economic crisis ahead could be considerable. Salmon farmers enjoy substantial income on Shetland. Mr Williamson drives a G-registration Mercedes. A Renault Espace is parked next door to the Gibson home. But the prosperity is precarious, depending entirely on a single activity. Unless feeding and harvesting can be resumed in the spring, 1994 will be bleak and the long-term bill for compensation could run into millions.

In Lerwick, as the darkness closed in on another neglected sabbath, the town's bar keepers were throwing up the shutters in readiness for another night's business. In the old days, everyone on Shetland went to church on the Lord's day, but much has changed. The crisis of confidence is proving difficult to bear.

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RUSSELL BOYCE

Braving the gale: worshippers hurrying through hurricane-force winds towards Dunrossness Church, near the wreck of the tanker *Braer*, for a service yesterday

Threat to otters and seals grows

By Ray Clancy

HUNDREDS of seals contaminated by oil from the sticken tanker *Braer* could die unless they are rescued and treated soon, wildlife experts said last night.

An operation to help 120 seals stranded on the beach at Lady's Holm island on the edge of Quendale Bay and another 200 in the water was thwarted yesterday by the storm raging on Shetland.

The pollution, which now includes a second slick, has also struck the otter population. Sian Pullen, a marine biologist with the World Wide Fund for Nature, said that one otter had been found dead at West Sand, 30 miles from the wreck.

She warned that the oil would seriously affect marine wildlife and, ultimately, the food chain. "Most people don't realise there is a lot of life down there under the water."

Dr Pullen said it was unclear how badly affected the stranded seals have been. "It is impossible to tell because we cannot get near them. If they have ingested the oil they are likely to be in poor shape and the chances are that they will not recover."

Greenpeace, the international environmental group, has also been monitoring the seal population. There is concern that attempts by the media to photograph them could drive the seals back into the sea.

Shetland is an important breeding ground for both grey and common seals, with an estimated population of 6,000 around the coastline.

'We lowered ourselves on to the ceiling'

165 people walk away after airliner crashes in flames

From Christopher Thomas in Delhi

ROBERT and Isabel Glass said "I love you" to each other as they hung upside down from their seat belts in the crashed Indian Airlines plane at Delhi airport on Saturday. "I wondered if burning to death would be painful," Mr Glass said.

Mr and Mrs Glass were on their way home to Cambridge after a three-week holiday in Asia. They were among 165 passengers and crew who had one of the most remarkable escapes in aviation history after their Russian-built plane missed the runway, smashed its landing gear, lost both wings as it slewed from side to side for thousands of feet, turned on its back, broke into sections and burst into flames. Nobody died and there were no serious injuries.

The passengers had a second stroke of luck when, after waiting nearly an hour for help to arrive, they were picked up by an airport bus whose driver took them around the airfield and then parked within 50ft of the crashed plane, which then exploded in flames. They all survived the heat blast.

The Russian-built TU-154 was one of six leased by the Indian government from Uzbekistan Airways to beat a month-long strike by Indian Airlines. Madhavrao Scindia, the aviation minister, resigned on Saturday amid accusations that the Uzbek and Russian crews could not speak English adequately and had misunderstood instructions from air traffic controllers. The remaining leased planes have been grounded.

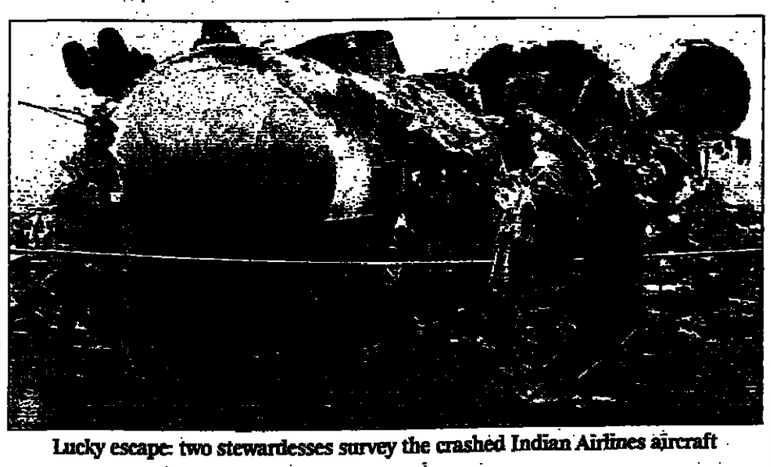
Mr Glass, 45, a lawyer with the Director of Public Prosecutions' office in London, said the cabin immediately filled with noxious smoke. He could see flames licking the outside of the window. "There was no panic. The passengers were amazingly orderly. We all unbuckled our belts and lowered ourselves on to the ceiling. Several Indian women wearing open sandals burned their feet. Children were crying but nobody was shouting."

Everybody escaped through an emergency door. Mr Glass helped a passenger whose seat belt had jammed. Outside, in the chill of the early morning mist, the survivors stood on the grass and watched flames engulf the plane. The emergency services, however, were nowhere to be seen. "For 20 minutes nothing happened and we just waited," Mr Glass said. "A man in a jeep arrived, shrugged his shoulders and drove off. Soon afterwards the first fire engines arrived."

Fifty minutes after the crash, which happened soon after 4am, some of the passengers, many with burns and broken bones but all able to walk, were picked up by an airport bus. Only after an explosion ripped the rear of the plane apart did emergency crews start to arrive, said Mr Glass.

Mrs Glass, an oral surgeon at Addenbrooke's hospital in Cambridge, tried to tend wounds but the only equipment in the first-aid room was cotton wool and headache pills. No medical staff turned up and the wounded went off in taxis and private cars.

Safety instructions were not given before takeoff from Hyderabad. Passengers said they were told to read the safety cards, but the few that were available were in Uzbek or Russian.



Lucky escape: two stewardesses survey the crashed Indian Airlines aircraft

Bereaved attack flight ruling

By Tony Dawe

RELATIVES of Britons killed in the Nepal air crash last September have been told that only a limited number of free places will be available for the mass funeral planned in Kathmandu for unidentified victims of the disaster.

In a letter to the relatives, Pakistan International Airlines, which is arranging the service for victims of its airbus crash, said that it would allocate only two tickets to the next of kin of each passenger and that it would be impossible "to respond to requests for multiple participation".

However, many of those who died left behind parents, brothers, sisters and husbands or wives. "The arrangements are inadequate and insensitive," Carolyn Harries, whose husband, Dave, was killed in the crash, said.

In a letter to PIA, asking it to alter its decision, Mrs Harries, of Llanrwst, Gwynned, says: "We find it totally unacceptable that ... you are attempting to restrict so severely the numbers of loved ones that you are prepared to make arrangements for. Are you really asking us to chose between grieving brothers, mothers, fathers and best friends? To go to Kathmandu is, for all of us, an essential part of the grieving process, a chance to say goodbye."

The service is expected at the end of next month. Only 64 of the 167 victims have so far been identified, with 19 Britons unidentified.

PIA has indicated that limited availability of flights and accommodation affected its decision to limit relatives. A spokesman said: "We made arrangements for two relatives to go to Kathmandu immediately after the accident and we think that to arrange for two more to attend the funeral is reasonable."

Condemned pit bulls freed by animal activists

By Michael Hornsnell

ANIMAL rights activists have sprung at least two pit bull terriers from secure kennels where they were awaiting destruction under the Dangerous Dogs' Act. The Animal Liberation Front (ALF) said yesterday that the dogs were not pit bull terriers and gave a warning that it may try to release many more in a nationwide campaign.

Police who are looking for the missing animals condemned their removal. Kennels holding up to 300 more condemned dogs have been warned about further raids.

The first to be freed was a seven-year-old bitch removed from kennels in Kilmarnock in November after legal moves for a stay of execution were defeated in the appeal court in Edinburgh. The dog was impounded in March after the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA) reported it to police, but the owner, Alison King, claimed it was a Staffordshire bull terrier crossed with a labrador. Mrs King, who runs an animal rescue centre, was fined £50 for failing to register the dog.

The Duke of Hamilton, a critic of the 1991 Dangerous Dogs Act, agreed to a request from the animal rights activists to be photographed with the dog to show the owner it was safe and to get public attention. The dog is being kept at a secret location.

The duke, who was not involved in freeing the dog, was subsequently interviewed by police and made a statement. No action is being taken against him. Yesterday he said: "What is particularly outrageous is that the matter was reported to the police by the SSPCA. Their idea of protecting animals from cruelty is to electrocute them."

The second dog was freed on December 21 from kennels near Glasgow. It had been taken by police after its 20-year-old owner was found guilty of keeping an unregistered pit bull.

A police spokesman said: "We are actively investigating both cases and seeking the recovery of the dogs."

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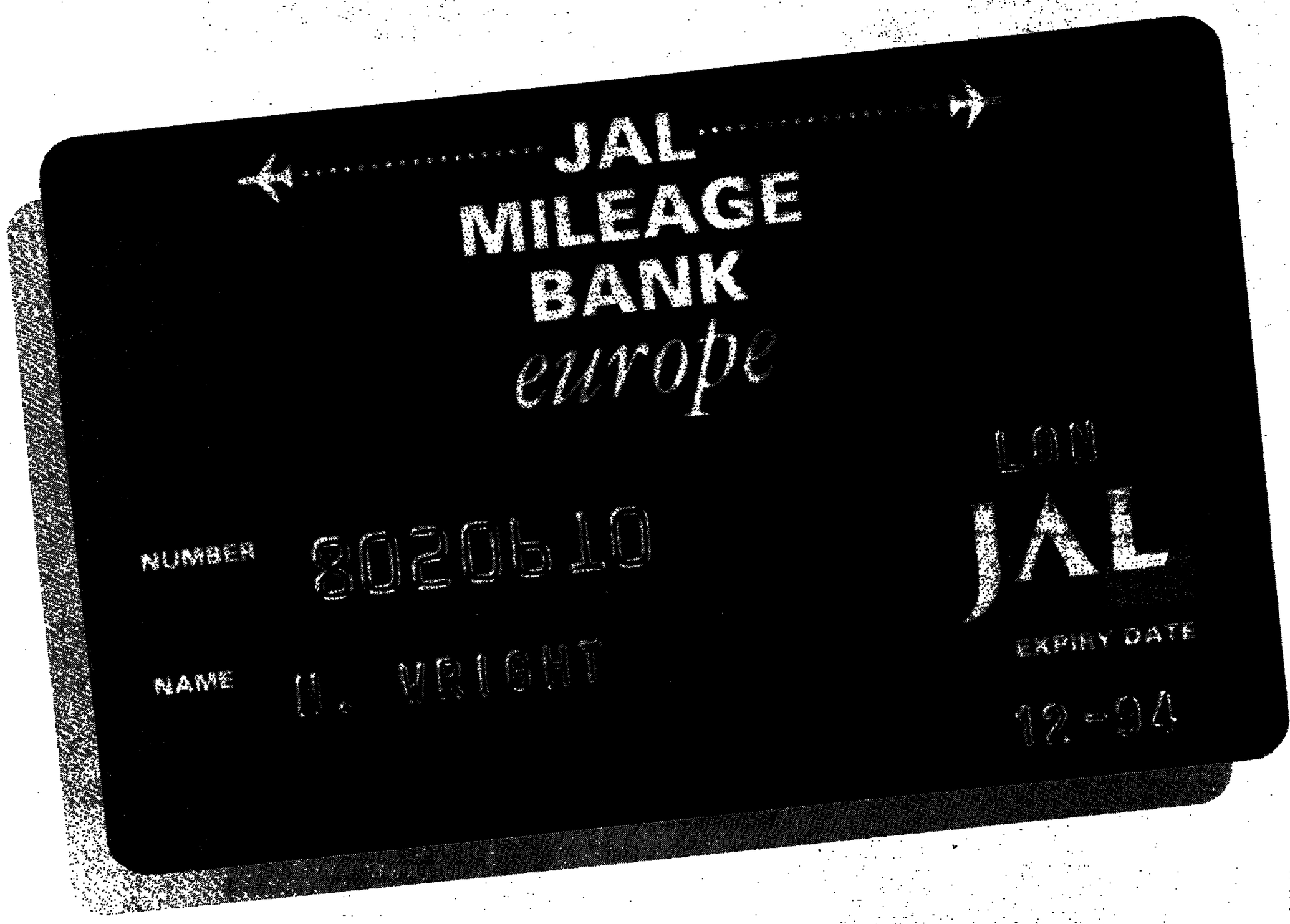

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Writers cross pens to dispute best novelists of decade

Winterson: named as one of the best for 1993

By Daniel Johnson
Literary Editor

A CONFRONTATION between literary generations is in prospect after well-known writers, including Martin Amis and William Boyd, the angry young men of the 1980s, yesterday denounced a publicity campaign to promote young novelists.

The campaign's backers, who include Britain's biggest bookseller, W. H. Smith, aim to revive sales of literary fiction with a list of the 20 Best Young British Novelists, 1993. Their selection, which has been eagerly awaited, was chosen from hundreds of submissions by Salman Rushdie and A.S. Byatt, the novelists; Bill Buford, the publisher; and John Mitchinson, the marketing director of Waterstone's.

They picked Iain Banks, Louis de Bernieres, Anne Billson, Tibor Fischer, Esther Freud, Alan Hollinghurst, Kazuo Ishiguro, A. L. Kennedy, Philip Kerr, Hanif Kureishi, Adam Lively, Adam Mars-Jones, Candia McWilliam, Lawrence Norfolk, Ben Okri, Caryl Phillips, Will Self, Nicholas Shakespeare, Helen Simpson and Jeanette Winterson.

Those who follow fiction closely were dismayed by the dismissive attitude of a few celebrities, some of whom had benefited from a similar promotion in 1983. "They still want to be the youngest writers in the room," one critic said.

John Carey, the Merton professor of English literature at Oxford University, found the list disappointing in comparison with 1983: "You haven't got the breadth and depth. And you haven't got the excitement."

Victoria Glendinning, the biographer and chairman of judges of last year's Booker Prize, responded: "The quality of writing is better than ever. People have difficulty in finding big subjects to write about, but the technical ability of most of these writers is terribly high."

One of the most respected younger publishers, Dan Franklin of Secker & Warburg, said yesterday that ten years ago few had heard of many now-famous names on the 1983 list, on which Ishiguro, Mars-Jones and Rushdie featured. Of the 1993 one, he commented: "It's idiosyncratic: I'm disappointed that our own Adam Thorpe, for instance, is not on it. But it is ridiculous to talk about a lost generation."

It was an article in *The Sunday Times* yesterday headed: "Britain's new literary lions fail to raise a roar" that drew the ire of the new generation. The paper, which had initially supported the Best Young Novelists campaign, quoted Sir Kingsley Amis's "depressing" judgment: "In 1940, novelists aged 40 or under included Graham Greene, Elizabeth Bowen, Rosamund Lehmann, Henry Green, Christopher Isherwood and Evelyn Waugh. My son's generation was less impressive than that. I suppose bright people now are doing something different, such as going into television."

Sir Kingsley's son, Martin, perhaps the most successful novelist of the 1983 generation, told *The Sunday Times*: "I haven't heard of half those names. I've had the impression that there are quite a lot of talented people around, but no dominant writers." Mr Franklin said: "He ought to have heard of them. You could argue that there are more good writers around now than in 1983, hence they don't stand out like the superstars of ten years ago." William Boyd, another star of the 1983 list, was quoted as saying that those with talent now go into journalism, where "you get more instant gratification, not just financially, than as a novelist".

But John Gross, the distinguished literary critic and former editor of *The Times Literary Supplement*, said: "More names were better established in 1983 than those on this list. I don't think it proves anything."

Mr Gross said that English literature was suffering from a long-term trend that had made it less central to culture, but he detected no obvious change during the past decade. He would have preferred a list of half a dozen names; even in the best periods of literary history, he said, no more than a few important books were published each year.

Ishiguro: on the lists for 1983 and this year

Birt will announce BBC reshuffle on live television link

By Peter Fiddick

THE most radical restructuring of the BBC in 25 years is to be announced this morning by John Birt, the new director-general, in a live link-up to all the corporation's United Kingdom staff, scheduled for 11am.

The new structure is expected to bring two outsiders into senior positions immediately below the director-general and above all existing executives. Liz Forgan, 48, until last week director of programmes at Channel 4 and one of its founders, is to become the BBC's director of broadcasting, responsible for editorial content in television and radio. Robert Phillis, chief executive of ITN, will have equivalent responsibilities for resources and finance and is expected to be named as Mr Birt's deputy.

Mr Phillis, 47, has been a leading figure in commercial television throughout the 1980s since becoming the first managing director of Central Independent Television in 1981. He is regarded as a determined manager, with a keen interest in programmes and broadcasting issues. From 1989 to 1992, he was a modernising chairman of the Royal Television Society.

In 1987, he left Central to become group managing director of Carlton Communications, the media conglomerate founded by Michael Green, whose Carlton Television is the new London weekday ITV contractor. In 1991 Mr Phillis moved to ITN, where he has pushed through a radical cost-cutting plan. Although that is not yet completed, the arrival of Mr Green as a leading figure in the consortium now taking control of ITN is believed to have made Mr Phillis open to other opportunities.

Today's unveiling of Mr Birt's structural blueprint holds implications for the roles of all other senior BBC executives, including the four managing directors who, since the last big restructuring in 1968, have had considerable devolved authority for programme policy and resource management in their respective services: television, radio, regional broadcasting and the BBC World Service. Speculation inside the BBC suggests that the roles of the two television channel controllers may be combined, although others argue that such a move would not be conducive to the pluralism of programming that Mr Birt has said he wishes the BBC to continue. A single planning system may, however, emerge as part of an effort to avoid the sort of duplication which led in part to the accounting disaster of last year.

The controllership of BBC1 is vacant, after Jonathan Powell's resignation to take up a senior position with Carlton Television, and the managing directorship of the World Service is unfilled after John Tusa's well-signalled retirement from it last month. Some senior BBC executives expect the new structure to integrate World Service radio and television more closely with the domestic services.

It is also expected that Mr Birt will create a new layer of programme executives with responsibility across television and radio, pushing forward the principle he established with a single news and current affairs directorate when he became deputy director-general in 1987. It already exists for regional broadcasting and, in recent months, single departments for education and religious broadcasting have been established.

One source suggests that there will be no senior job losses but the wide-ranging responsibilities of Ms Forgan and Mr Phillis may raise questions about the roles of some, including the managing directors of radio and television, Will Wyatt and David Hatch.

Among those tipped to gain in the reshuffle are Ronald Neil, managing director of regional broadcasting, Tony Hall, director of news and current affairs — whose area may include the planned 24-hour news channel and a closer relationship with the World Service — and Janet Street-Porter, head of youth programmes and features. Patricia Hodgson, head of policy and planning, and Jane Drabble, Mr Wyatt's deputy at television, are expected to emerge with their status enhanced or undiminished.

Mr Birt's plans have taken into account advice from outside consultants, including McKinsey's, the management consultancy which created 25 years ago the present structure of separate services with their own managing directors. This was seen, in the words of the BBC's historian, Lord Briggs, as "a substantial tilting of power away from the director-general".

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Few takers for truth about Hitler's UFOs

By Andrew Lycett

HITLER'S scientists concluded a secret treaty with the Allies after the second world war and are researching human genetic engineering and space travel at a huge underground city in the Antarctic. The Germans invented flying saucers and the British landed on the moon in the 1890s.

We are not privy to such facts because a conspiracy of international master-thinkers, known as the *Illuminati*, deem it inappropriate. In particular, they do not want the simple anti-gravity technology of flying saucers made generally available because this would undermine the energy monopoly of the oil companies.

These and other alleged conspiracies of silence were examined at the international conference on global deception held at Wembley Conference Centre, London, at the weekend.

Just 350 participants paid up to £20 to attend at the 2,000-seat venue. The organisers, Mary Seal and Keith Mears, from Walsall, West Midlands, had originally booked the 10,000-seat Wembley Arena.

Those who did turn up heard a succession of humourless speakers reveal how British intelligence had engineered the Russian revolution; how Russian Stalinists in the Democratic party and Trotskyists in the Republican were slugging it out for control of the United States; how Aids had been invented in a laboratory; and how the global scare about CFCs was part of a softening-up process — heralded by President Bush's New World Order — to impose an *Illuminati*-led world government.

Mrs Seal, who could lose up to £50,000 on the event, claimed no hidden agenda and not to be funded by any political or religious group. "We just trying to make people think," she said.

The conference had concentrated on secret technologies because "technology is power. We haven't even talked about the genetically engineered clones who are flying around abducting people."

The only real debate took place when someone objected to a speaker's claims that Hitler was obsessed by the occult. Two security guards had to be dissuaded from throwing him out.

Foetus eggs delay menopause

By Nigel Hawkes

SCIENTIFIC methods that may enable post-menopausal women to give birth are likely to stir up an ethical dispute.

Dr Roger Gosden, of Edinburgh University, has shown that the ovaries of sterile mice can be restored to full function by transplanting into them immature egg cells from foetal material. The normal oestrus cycle in the mouse is then restored and it can give birth to young whose mother, in effect, is the foetus from which the cells came.

There is no reason in principle why the method should not work in humans, though Dr Gosden said he did not plan to transplant foetal cells into human patients.

In a Horizon documentary, *Cheating Time*, to be broadcast tonight on BBC2, he says that the work raises ethical and legal problems. "It would be a precedent to have a dead foetus as the genetic mother of a child."

Dr Gosden says that he can only envisage the technique being used in women who had gone through the menopause very young, or who had been made sterile by radiation treatment for cancer. He does not believe it would be acceptable to use the method to postpone or reverse the menopause in other women.

Dr Gosden's technique could be a way round one of the greatest obstacles to egg-implantation, the shortage of donor eggs. He has devised ways of growing foetal eggs in laboratory culture and storing them for long periods. In principle they could be stored for tens or even hundreds of years before re-implantation.

His work has also opened up the possibility of delaying the menopause by controlling the rate at which eggs are shed from the ovaries. This, he has found, accelerates after the age of 37, but could possibly be slowed down with hormone drugs so women could reproduce until the age of 70.

Professor Robert Winston, head of the Infertility Unit at Hammersmith Hospital in London, has said that the prospects of extending a woman's reproductive lifespan are "extremely controversial".

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Impending legislation on privacy has ignored constitutional weakness

Right to know or invasion of privacy? Press laws cover basic rights as well as stories on the royal family

Britain far behind other countries in defending freedom of the press

By Frances D'Souza

■ An unpublished study has found that Britain's legislation on the press lacks important principles that have been embraced by most other countries

THE combination of a general (but by no means fully tested) view that self-regulation is not working and the imminent second reading of Clive Soley's private member's bill on privacy may well unleash laws allowing interference with the editorial independence of the press.

What has not been taken into account in any of the arguments advanced so far is how other countries with an equally invasive press cope. In an unpublished survey of press laws in 11 countries, the United Kingdom undoubtedly has the weakest protection of freedom of the press of all the countries.

Let us take eight features of the 22 covered in the report, which are generally indicative of a strong and free press: constitutional or other legal guarantees for a free press, protection of journalists' sources, an absence of the power of prior restraint, incorporation into domestic law of the international treaties, such as article 10 of the European Convention which specifically enshrines the right to free speech, lack of statutory control of privacy, self-regulation and the right of reply.

Britain's lack of a constitutional or any positive legal formulation of the fundamental right to free expression — of which the free press is a crucial element — is shared by only Australia, which has inherited the traditional English view that freedom of speech is best protected by the common law.

Britain retains the power of prior restraint, does not strongly protect journalists' sources, and is clearly contemplating a privacy law where the government would decide the boundaries between the public right to know and "invasion of privacy". None of the international treaties that protect fundamental freedoms including free speech has been incorporated into domestic law. There is no right of reply and the Press Council traditionally concerned itself only with protecting the public rather than upholding press freedom.

Let us not go so far in comparing this depressing litany of absences with the United States where first amendment rights and the support of a free, although not necessarily a responsible, press prevail; or with the Nordic countries which have earned an international reputation for minimal restrictions on the press — in Norway, for example, constitutional protection dates from 1814.

Let us compare the UK press with that in Germany, which after all is faced with rather more serious issues than the marital difficulties of public figures. The press is struggling with balancing the right to report and the need to prevent further racial violence. Germany has a constitutional guarantee of a free press and additional legal protection at regional level. Journalists' sources are protected at all times and prior restraint is used only under the most exceptional circumstances. The international treaties are incorporated into domestic law and take precedence. There is a firmly entrenched and statutory right of reply. The self-regulation mechanisms that operate at regional level have effective sanctions which involve private and public reprimands and obligatory publication of adjudications.

In most of the countries studied, press council sanctions, where they exist, are far more strongly enforced. In Sweden, for example, substantial fines can be levied. It is, however, quite striking that in every country included in the survey, privacy laws are always accompanied by strong, constitutional or legal protection of the press. The UK, in adopting any privacy law, would be unique in having only restrictive rather than positive and supportive legislation concerning the press.

Finally, all the ten other countries studied have either a freedom of information act or other legislation allowing the public access to government-held information.

In a submission to the Calcutt enquiry, article 19 argued strongly that in the absence of any protection for a free press, it was both dangerous and unwise to introduce legal restrictions. We will continue to do this.

Article 19 will publish *Press Law and Practice: A Comparative Study of Press Freedom in European and Other Democracies* in February.

The author is director of Article 19, international centre against censorship.

All the news that's fit to censor

Brian MacArthur *imagines how the official regimes suggested by Sir David Calcutt might have viewed the content of yesterday's papers*

Memo to Sir Gregory Censor, Chairman, Press Complaints Tribunal

Your minute of January 8, 1993, asked for a study of yesterday's papers, a report on breaches of our proposed Code of Press Conduct and action we would recommend if the statutory press complaints tribunal is established.

1. The *Sunday Mirror* and *The People* reported on their front pages that the Princess of Wales had decided to divorce Prince Charles. The reports were denied by the Palace and Miss Carolyn Bartholomew, a friend of the princess, rang *The Mail on Sunday* to deny them. Both papers breached section 3 of our code of conduct on intrusion into privacy, section 5 on reports about public personalities that use unnamed sources, and the new section 6 on reports that damage the reputation of the royal family.

Their editors will undoubtedly argue that the reports were protected under section 1 — that the potential divorce of a future queen is in the "public interest". Unless we take swift action to destroy this argument, we shall never be able to stop this sort of intrusive royal reporting, about which the PM is particularly anxious.

Recommendation: a) under clause 12 (right of reply) both papers should be required to publish corrections; b) the editors should be summoned to a formal hearing of the tribunal; c) please consult our proposed tariff of fines: Queen Mother £750,000; the Queen £500,000; Duke of Edinburgh £300,000; Prince of Wales £250,000; Princess of Wales £200,000; other royals £50,000. The papers offended both the Prince of Wales and the princess. Our recommended fine should therefore be £450,000 for each paper.

2. I could find no breach of the code in the *News of the World*, although I was surprised by the absence of any serious reporting of the Iraq, Somalia and Bosnia crises. Under section 17 (exploitation of women) it might, however, be possible to summon its editor. On page three there was a large picture of a model depicting her bare breasts. Should we make a general edict that there should be no topless women in the papers?

3. The Calcutt report appears to have been "leaked" to most of the papers in an attempt to discredit the proposals before the report goes to cabinet. I cannot believe that the leak occurred from No. 10 or the heritage ministry. No breach of the code is involved since the reports appear to be accurate. We should ask Peter Brooke or Gus O'Donnell to institute a hunt for the mole.

(Sgd) Oliver Presshammer. 11.1.93

Memo to Sir Gregory Censor Chairman, Press Complaints Tribunal, 8.12.94

The prime minister is announcing in the Commons today that the Prince and Princess of Wales are to be divorced. You will recall that we fined two editors £450,000 each in 1993 for reporting that the princess had decided to divorce Prince Charles.

Both editors will undoubtedly sue for compensation. We should alert the press office and it might be wise for you to take a holiday.

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Alert issued as London hospitals faced with closure are unable to meet demand

Beds shortage forces hospitals to admit only emergencies

By Jeremy Laurance, Health Services Correspondent

PRESSURE on hospital beds in and around London has forced administrators to issue a "yellow alert" covering more than a dozen district health authorities, where patient admission has been restricted to urgent cases.

The alert, issued by the Emergency Bed Service, has prompted renewed protests from doctors over the proposed closure of London hospitals recommended in the Tomlinson report.

The alert covers North East Thames regional health authority, including St Bartholomew's, University College/Middlesex and the Royal London hospitals — all earmarked for closure or merger in the Tomlinson report — and Barnet health authority in the North West Thames region.

Tomlinson: advised losing 2,500 beds

The emergency service helps GPs to find beds for seriously ill patients when their local hospital is full and has powers to force hospitals to accept patients even when they are overstretched.

The pressure was felt acutely at St Bartholomew's Hospital last Tuesday. Half a dozen patients spent the night on trolleys in the accident and emergency department because no beds were available. The emergency beds service said that the situation was worse in outer London health districts.

The alert warns hospitals in the affected districts that they must "substantially reduce" admissions from their waiting lists, leaving only urgent cases unaffected. They have been asked to discharge as many patients as possible to make room for emergencies. The hospitals are also required to mix sexes on the wards.

A spokeswoman for North East Thames region said that it was the first time a yellow alert had been declared in the region since the influenza epidemic three years ago. "There has been a sudden sharp increase in demand for emergency beds across the spectrum, but this time we don't know why," she said.

Linda Rossi, operations manager at the emergency service, said that the demand for emergency beds more than doubled last week. "We are seeing a sudden increase, even for the time of year. GPs are finding it harder to get a bed for their patients."

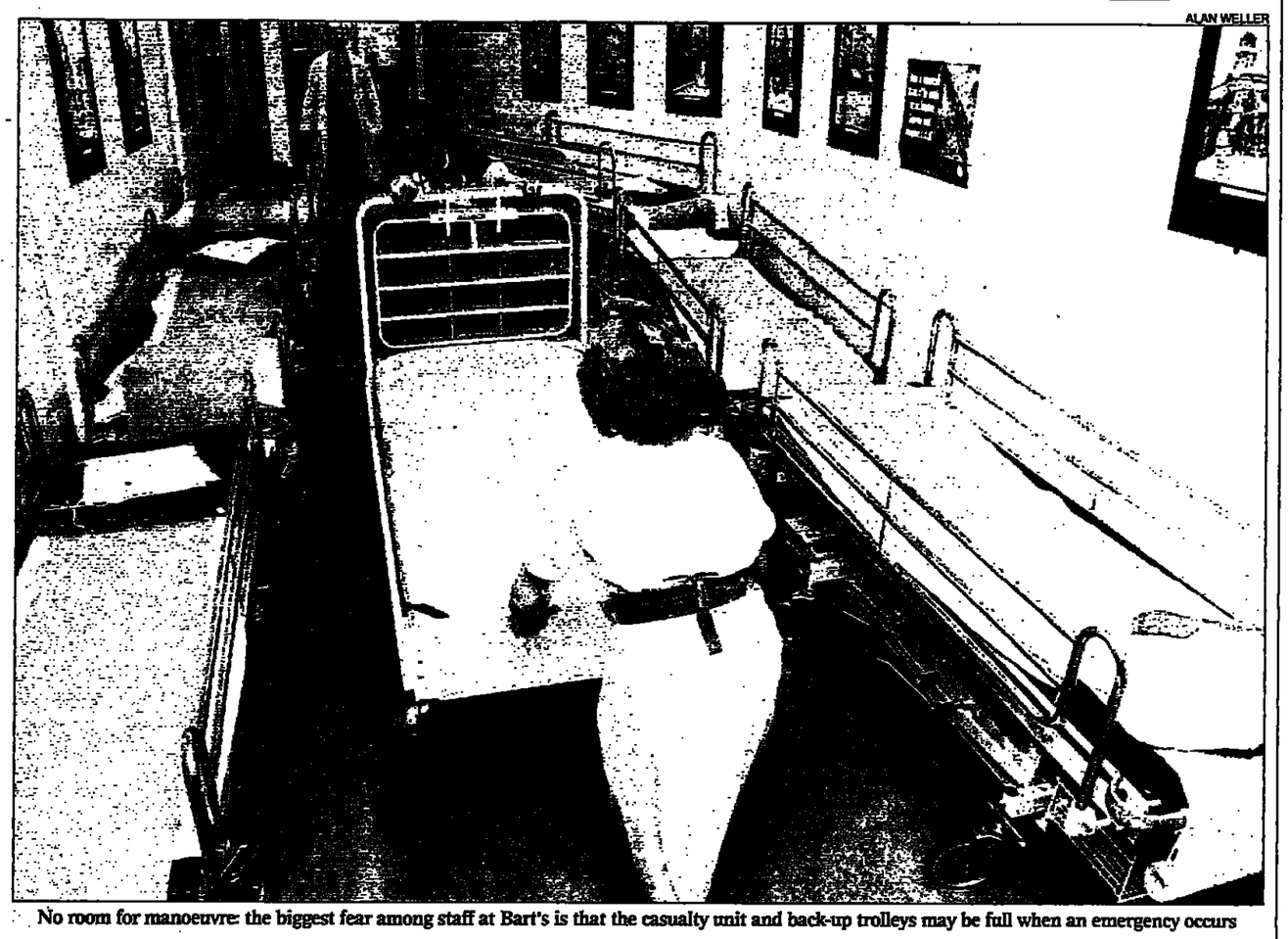
At St Bartholomew's, doctors said that they were working flat out to cope. "The situation has got dramatically worse in the past five to ten years," Dr John Moore-Gillon, clinical bed manager, said. "In this district, seven hospitals have closed in the past decade and we are down to two."

The health department said last night that London hospitals and the emergency bed service had well-developed systems for coping with seasonal peaks in demand. "These will ensure that everyone who needs emergency treatment gets it," a spokesman said.

Sir Bernard Tomlinson said in his report on the future of London's hospitals that 2,500 beds should close because districts outside the capital are planning to withdraw patients and those who remain are being treated more quickly, which will reduce demand for beds. His report did not say that London had too many beds at the present time, but estimated that the surplus could be as high as 7,000 beds by the end of the decade.

However, doctors say that increasing efficiency and the loss of patients to outlying districts will bring much needed relief to London's hard-pressed hospitals only if bed numbers are maintained.

Ministers are expected to decide on the Tomlinson proposals within the next few weeks. In a recent speech, Sir Bernard warned that the government might implement only part of his report and singled out investment in GP services as the priority.



ALAN WELLER

No room for manoeuvre: the biggest fear among staff at Bart's is that the casualty unit and back-up trolleys may be full when an emergency occurs

Patients kept on trolleys for up to 24 hours

By Kate Alderson

■ Staff at St Batholomew's fear that lives of patients are threatened as the casualty department is stretched to breaking point and waiting times reach record levels

LAST week *The Times* spent an evening in the accident and emergency unit at St Bartholomew's Hospital, where patients waited on trolleys for up to 24 hours to be admitted to a ward. At 2am the department was closed to ambulances for ten hours because it had neither the staff nor resources to deal with emergencies.

During the night Sister Nicola Ross has no beds to accommodate the steady stream of patients arriving at the unit in the City of London. The admissions journal records what is a usual day, with patients waiting on trolleys for a bed in a ward: "Today one patient, who is epileptic, waited 24 hours for a bed, one man being monitored on a cardiac machine waited for 15 hours, a sixteen-year-old waited a total of 25 hours, an 80-year-old waited nearly 15 hours.

"I'm now waiting for a patient to finish their dialysis at 10.30pm so I can have their bed. As soon as dialysis is over that patient will go home to Ilford in a taxi in the middle of the night. So far tonight, and it's still early, I have five people I can't give beds to. One has suspected meningitis, one has heart failure, another a chest infection, an old man has leg ulcers and a hip problem and we've made a makeshift coronary care unit for an old woman because there's nowhere else for her to go."

The previous night had been no different: 14 people waited on trolleys for a bed. During the afternoon 20 people waited on trolleys, with more in the reception area, but Sister Ross said: "It's been worse." Soon after every patient arrives she gives them a complaint form which they are encouraged to send to the health department and MPs. "People must complain about the waiting times and lack of resources. We're rarely listened to."

As she speaks an elderly man is wheeled into the department. His GP told him the hospital had said there was a bed waiting. Sister Ross shakes her head: "There are no beds. This patient is not due here, but I'll have to take him." The man's wife stands in the corridor looking bewildered. Her husband has chest problems and has been suffering from epilepsy. GPs routinely fail to call the hospital to enquire if there is a bed for their patient because they know the answer will be no. Once patients arrive they cannot be turned away.

There are four nursing staff and one doctor working in the accident and emergency department, and within five minutes of patients arriving they assess their condition. "They should then be immediately admitted to a ward for treatment. But, as you can see, they're not because we don't have enough beds on wards because we don't have enough money."

This evening the department does not have enough sheets or blankets and it tries to "cadge" them from another department, which takes two hours. As it is not a treatment ward, it often does not have the correct drugs for patients, and a bed in the corridor was recently taken by a porter from the locked ward of another hospital.

David Skinner is one of the two accident and emergency consultants at Bart's. "Shroud-waving is frowned on, but we're fed-up with the nonsense put out by the Tomlinson report that we're overbedded. The report proposes that Bart's closes and the hospital's other site, Homerton, four miles away, 'takes up the slack'. They have as many people waiting on trolleys as we do, and this is the story of every London hospital. Where are these people meant to go? It's simply not true that London hospitals have surplus beds."

Mr Skinner said that the department is no longer able to admit "routine" patients whose ailments range from orthopaedic to gynaecological. Every night he sits down with staff and discusses the routine admissions he will cancel the next day. He says that the belief of the health secretary Virginia Bottomley in preventative medicine is "going out of the window".

The greatest fear, Mr Skinner said, is being unable to deal with an emergency which arrives when the department is filled with patients and all of the trolleys are in use. Occasionally staff have asked ambulance crews to take patients elsewhere. "Unless we are able to produce more beds, people are not going to be treated."

Dr John Moore-Gillon is a consultant at Bart's who acts as a medical bed manager to ensure optimum usage. "All of the people who are in here on trolleys are sick enough to have been admitted in the first place. The staff are under a huge amount of pressure to discharge patients earlier than we used to."

Staff say it is not unusual for a patient to arrive at Bart's suffering from a heart attack, only to be told they have go to another hospital because Bart's has no facilities to care for them. Recently one patient had to be taken across the Thames to Lewisham, southeast London, in an ambulance with a police escort. A child with a fractured skull had to be taken to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Hackney. The injustice of this, the health workers say, is that Bart's is meant to be the regional neurology centre.

At 11.15pm a 95-year-old man is wheeled out of the hospital, in the wind and rain, to be taken to another hospital. Sister Ross is angry that patients accept these conditions. "They know we're under pressure and doing all we can. They accept the waiting time, and often give us a fiver to donate to the hospital. We may have a very high level of care here, but if my grandmother was ill I wouldn't want her to come to a casualty department in London."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pensioner mugged by intruder

An 87-year-old woman underwent emergency surgery in Torbay hospital after being attacked by an intruder in her home in Bridgetown, Totnes, South Devon on Saturday night.

Police believe the pensioner, who suffered severe facial and body injuries, may have been attacked after disturbing an intruder in the home which she shares with an elderly companion. Despite her injuries, she raised the alarm.

A 16-year-old boy is to appear in court today.

Murder charge

A 26-year-old woman is to appear before Belfast magistrates today charged with the murder of Private Stephen Waller, 23, a member of the Royal Irish Regiment based in Cyprus, who was shot in the hallway of his north Belfast home on December 30. His wife and mother were at home at the time.

Bosnians held

Three Bosnian refugees were arrested after a replica pistol was found at a house in Willerby, near Hull. Police mounted a siege after a man was seen brandishing the gun outside the house. Three men, aged 22, 23 and 28, were detained.

3 die in crash

Three young friends died in an early morning car crash outside the fire station at New Inn, near Pontypool, Gwent. Two others were freed by firemen and taken to hospital. No other car was involved.

Drugs found

Ben Dore, 63, of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, was charged with possessing a controlled drug after police found cannabis resin worth £10 million in a van during a routine vehicle check on the M25 at Brentwood, Essex.

WPC home

WPC Leslie Harrison, 29, of Halewood, Merseyside, returned home after 12 days in hospital. She was stabbed in the heart with a screwdriver while investigating a burglary.

Swan pricking

A swan paralysed after flying into power lines is receiving acupuncture treatment at Stroud, Gloucestershire to help repair its fractured spine.

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Weekly Premium Bond winners: £100,000, no. 21SW 360494, from Liverpool (value of holding £156); £50,000, 23PB 918945, Middlesex (£61); £25,000, 14HL 000625, Hampshire (£10,000).

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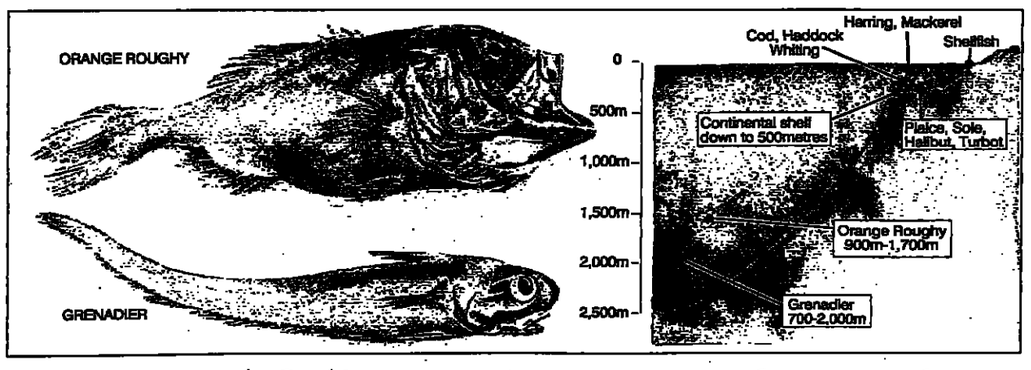

Daring fishermen try roughy trade

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

FISHERMEN chafing at limits on the number of days they are allowed to trawl for over-fished stocks of cod and haddock could try going after less familiar quarry in the deep waters of the North Atlantic.

Some of these species are starting to appear on fishmongers' slabs, but the notorious conservatism of British taste, which regards even herring as exotic, is holding back the market. In the past four months, the *Grampian Fury*, a 150ft trawler with high-powered winches and other deep-water gear, has been steaming out of Ullapool on Loch Broom in Scotland in pursuit of orange roughy, roundnose grenadier, silvery-scaled cutlass and black scabbard.

Jim Clarke, the managing director of Marcoak, the boat's owner, said: "We are exploring all along the slope of the continental shelf, up to 700 miles out. We have seen enough to think there is a commercial fishery out there."

Mr Clarke sees France as the main European market for deep-water fish, but said German buyers are showing interest. The French have been exploiting these fishing grounds for nearly ten years. In the distant waters, fishing is free for all and beyond the reach of Brussels bureaucracy and catch quotas that British fishermen so dislike.

English and Scottish fishing boats are vulnerable because they rely heavily on fish found in the relatively shallow waters above the continental shelf. North Sea stocks of cod and haddock, by far the most popular catch, have fallen sharply since the late 1980s, partly because of over-fishing and the use of nets that catch too many juvenile fish, and partly because of poorly understood environmental changes.

Deep-water trawling offers one way of relieving pressure on depleted coastal stocks. But only about 30 of the 11,000 British boats operating have the freezer storage space and engine power needed to stay out at sea for up to 30 days and tow nets at depths of up to 2,000 metres.

Scientists have identified at least 85 deep-water species in areas known as the Hebridean Terrace and the Rockall Trough, but fewer than ten are thought to have commercial potential. The orange roughy, with a delicate shellfish flavour, and the grenadier, which is similar to cod, are the most promising.

Orange roughy tend to congregate round the pinnacles of seabed mountains where there is most food. New Zealanders began fishing it ten years ago, using echo sounders and other electronic devices.

Nigel Merrett, a deep-water fish expert at the Natural History Museum, said this was a cause of concern. "Deep-water species grow and reproduce much more slowly because there is less food for them. Some take up to 20 years to mature. Stocks may seem abundant, but if you fish them really hard, you can enjoy a bonanza for a few years and then knock the fishery out completely."

A delicacy with mild, sweet taste

ORANGE roughy has become so popular in New Zealand that catches have been restricted to prevent over-fishing (Michael Hornsby writes).

The growing demand and the restrictions have increased the price to the equivalent of £2.70 a lb, about twice as much as other fish caught locally. New Zealand also exports a lot of orange roughy to America.

Simon Wislang, chef at the Grain of Salt restaurant in Wellington, said the fish was usually bought filleted and could be steamed, poached or grilled. "It has very white, fine-textured flesh with a mild but distinctively sweetish flavour. I like steaming it best and serving it with a couple of scallops and a light sauce of white wine, chives and a bit of butter."

During the past few months orange roughy, imported from New Zealand deep frozen in skinned and pre-filleted form, has been offered at some branches of Waitrose. Robert Elliot, assistant fishmonger at a branch in Chelsea, west London, said it had sold well in spite of being priced at £4.95 a lb, compared with £3.19 for cod and £3.49 for haddock. "The flesh is very light in weight so four fillets would cost just under £5," he said.

Rick Stein, who runs a seafood restaurant in Padstow, Cornwall, said: "I would be very interested if North Atlantic supplies of the fish came on the market. People are getting more catholic in their taste for fish and at a restaurant like ours you need to offer a bit of excitement and innovation."

Scientists choose sex of calves

BRITISH and American scientists have produced the world's first calves whose sex was determined before they were conceived (Michael Hornsby writes).

The breakthrough, details of which are reported in *The Veterinary Record*, could revolutionise the economics of animal husbandry and the quality of meat production by enabling dairy and beef farmers to choose the sex and other characteristics of their calves.

To produce the calves, the scientists used embryo transfer, in vitro fertilisation, and a technique called flow cytometry that separates sperm carrying the female X chromosome from those bearing the male Y chromosome.

Eggs taken from dead cows were fertilized in the laboratory with pre-sexed sperm and the resulting embryos inserted into the wombs of heifers on a research farm in Cambridge. Two embryos were implanted in each of nine cows. Four became pregnant, giving birth between them to three male and three female calves that had been developed from eggs fertilized with sperm of the corresponding sex.

Mastercalf, a company specialising in animal biotechnology, and the Institute of Animal Physiology and Genetics Research, both based in Cambridge, supplied the expertise on embryo transfer and in vitro fertilisation.

In principle, the scientists say, there is no reason why the same techniques could not be used in humans, although it would be more difficult, apart from ethical implications.

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Sarajevo assassination smashes UN credibility

■ The murder of Bosnia's deputy prime minister has outraged international opinion. The timid role of the UN in the Bosnian conflict is now being reassessed

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO AND CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

THE assassination inside a United Nations armoured personnel carrier of a senior member of the Bosnian government while travelling along a UN-controlled road in Sarajevo highlights the faults in the passive way in which the UN protection force operates in Bosnia.

Hakija Turajlic, 57, the Bosnian deputy prime minister, was murdered by a rebel Serb soldier while under the protection of French forces. The vehicle in which he was riding had been stopped, for close to two hours, by 40 Serb fighters and two armoured vehicles on a road supposedly under UN control. UN protection force reinforcements were not sent to back up the four French UN soldiers on the scene and eight British UN soldiers in two carriers, who had stopped to offer assistance, were ordered to leave by a UN officer. The doors of the UN vehicle were opened because the Serb fighters, who had stopped the vehicle, had ordered the French UN soldiers to do so.

The killing has inflamed French public opinion and last night sparked calls for urgent military action from government ministers and opposition leaders who see the act as proof of UN impotence. With its leadership of the UN protection force and its image of itself as a defender of human rights, France already felt it had a special responsibility for Bosnia. Before the killing, 70 per cent of the public, according to polls, favoured intervention, which President Mitterrand has called for if the Geneva talks fail.

Though a "restricted circulation" memorandum, dated last November, detailing the UN rules of engagement, says that "vehicle commanders are not to open doors for the inspection of their vehicles, or to comply with orders from checkpoint sentries", it is a common practice for the doors of vehicles to be opened on demand when stopped by armed irregulars.

Even the most senior UN commanders in Bosnia have been delayed for hours by a handful of drunken Serb fighters. In one instance rebel Serbs temporarily confiscated UN weapons and stopped a convoy of 50 UN military vehicles for more than 24 hours because of several minor discrepancies in a bill of lading. Critics, including many within the organisation, say the UN has encouraged the Serbs with its consistent practice of non-confrontation. Many consider it ridiculous to rely "on the goodwill" of the Serbs to allow the UN to save the people the Serbs are trying to kill.

Yesterday General Philippe Morillon, the UN commander in Sarajevo, said he took full responsibility for the "tragedy" but he did not see it as a slap at France or the UN "and I don't have any complexes about that". His men, he said, had followed all the standing orders and he paid tribute to Colonel Patrice Sartre, who had argued with the Serbian militia before they shot Mr Turajlic. The French forces had not been aware of the identity of their passenger, who had been greeting a Turkish politician at the airport. The UN's work was being "complicated" by the arrival of too many VIPs.

General Morillon, who compared the murder to the assassination of Archduke Franz-Ferdinand of Austria in 1914, conceded that "the doors [of the UN vehicle] should not have been opened". However, his and other officers' accounts depicted a scene of confusion in which the French troops were heavily outnumbered. The murder has driven public anger in France to fever pitch. Emotions had been exacerbated by an European Community investigation, led by Simone Veil, the French politician, which charged the Serbians with committing mass rape as a weapon of terror. Bernard Kouchner, the humanitarian action minister and the most popular member of the government, said "the war planes must strike" if the Geneva talks fail this week.

Laurent Fabius, the leader of the ruling Socialist party, denounced the peace plan of Cyrus Vance and David Owen, the Geneva mediators, as a sell-out to Serbian aggression and is demanding rapid intervention. Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist oppositon leader, said the murder "confirmed the emptiness of the policy followed by France and the other democracies". If the Geneva talks fail, France and the others "must face up to their responsibility" and intervene.

Edouard Balladur, the Gaullist who is considered most likely to take over as prime minister after elections in March, said the time had come for "vigorous" military intervention in Bosnia "which is the only way of making the Serbs think". Jean-Francois Deniau, of the centrist UDF party, said "Europe died at Sarajevo" on Friday night.

It was significant that the assassination on Friday occurred on the airport road. The road, officially considered by the UN to be demilitarised and completely under its control, is notorious for its use by Serb fighters and military vehicles. The most serious occurrence was on December 8 when an unknown number of rebel Serb tanks parked on the road and fired into the city, closing the only road into Sarajevo and shutting down the UN's relief operation. The UN response was to abandon its checkpoint on the road until the tanks left on their own accord, and to lodge a complaint, one of many, with the rebel Serb commanders.

Deadly testament: mourners carrying the body of Hakija Turajlic, draped in a Bosnian flag, to his grave in Sarajevo. The deputy prime minister was murdered while under UN escort

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British troops keep aid routes open despite Serbian bombardment

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

TWO artillery attacks on the British logistics camp at Tomislavgrad, southwest Bosnia, have reinforced the government's belief that the 2,400 men and women involved in the United Nations humanitarian operation now need more firepower to protect them. The option of withdrawing the troops is also under serious discussion.

As part of the contingency planning for reinforcement or evacuation, a Royal Navy task force, led by the aircraft carrier HMS *Ark Royal*, is expected to sail towards the Adriatic this week to be in position in the event of a rapid escalation in attacks on British troops. The carrier, equipped with eight Sea Harrier jump jets, will be accompanied by a destroyer, a frigate and up to three support vessels, including one with ammunition for the 105mm artillery pieces that are also being earmarked for Bosnia.

The deployment of the carrier, which is expected to follow a decision by John Major and senior cabinet colleagues in the next day or so, would be the clearest sign that the government intends to be prepared for the worst. The task force would take seven days to reach the Adriatic. The long-awaited UN resolution on enforcing the air-exclusion zone over Bosnia is expected this week, adding to the government's fears that British troops could face a dramatic increase in Serb attacks.

The camp at Tomislavgrad was attacked for a second time between 11pm and midnight on Friday when about 20 rounds were fired from the hills to the north of the town. None fell inside the camp perimeter. More than 100 shells landed on Tomislavgrad during the earlier attack.

Stewart: has no wish to withdraw his troops

A British officer at the camp said yesterday that eight shells had hit the school used as a headquarters for 35 Engineer Regiment and another three fell in the grounds. A workshop was also destroyed. An extra phone link has been installed between the camp and the Croat headquarters in the town to ensure early warning of any future attack.

Neither ministers nor the British troops favour evacuation. The Cheshire battle group, led by Lieutenant Colonel Bob Stewart, feels it has an important job to do and has no wish to be forced to withdraw by Serbian gunners. Mr Major, however, made it clear when he visited the soldiers in Bosnia before Christmas that their safety was paramount. Although the attacks on Tomislavgrad represent a new development, there were no British casualties. Food convoys are continuing in spite of persistent Serbian artillery and mortar attacks.

If the government decides against evacuation, the carrier task force will be ready to provide a significant increase in firepower. The arrival of Harriers and 105mm light guns would alter the balance of power that until now has been weighted heavily in favour of the Serbs.

The full reinforcement package presented to ministers amounts to an impressive array of weaponry. Apart from the carrier task force, the proposed force consists of a Royal Artillery battery with six 105mm light guns or a regiment with 18 guns, from Nato's Ace mobile force based at Larkhill in Wiltshire; and specialist troops from 29 Commando Regiment Royal Artillery (part of 3 Commando Brigade), including naval gunfire observers, tactical air controllers and a unit equipped with Cymbeline mortar locating radar.

HMS Ark Royal had been scheduled to sail to the Netherlands. The troops from Ace mobile force and 3 Commando Brigade are not yet on standby but have already been withdrawn from a winter training exercise in Norway.

Ark Royal may lead task force to Adriatic

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of Harriers and 105mm light guns would alter the balance of power, which has until now been weighted heavily in the Serbs' favour.

In Geneva, the Bosnian negotiating position has been toughened by the killing on Friday of Mr Turajlic. Haris Siladzic, the foreign minister who is standing in for Mr Izetbegovic, insisted that he would accept no dilution of sovereignty for a future Bosnian state and the new central government should be strong enough to withstand any Serb attempts to break away.

Nor had the Serb position softened during the five-day break in the talks. Radovan Karadzic said on Belgrade television yesterday that all the provinces earmarked for the Serbs should be linked. "The absolute pre-condition is a corridor. We don't want to be like Nagorno-Karabakh and have a civil war every two years," he said.

Nevertheless, diplomats said the prospects for peace appeared to have improved slightly after the Serbs told the mediators that they agreed to demilitarise Bosnia under international supervision. An eight-point document submitted by the Serbs was said to coincide in many respects with the UN proposals put forward last week, and to accept the formation of a central government in which Serbs, Muslims and Croats would have equal representation. But it still called for a composite state of "three constituent peoples with three constituent units", a solution the mediators have rejected as unacceptable.

Bosnians press Paris and Muslim world for arms

BY ROGER BOYES, EAST EUROPE CORRESPONDENT

THE lurking threat of large arms shipments from the Islamic states to the Bosnian Muslims overshadowed the Geneva talks yesterday and demonstrated the fragility of the peace process.

Alija Izetbegovic, the Bosnian president who spent the weekend lobbying the French to arm the Muslims, arrived in Geneva yesterday. He spent four hours there and then flew off to Dakar, Senegal, to make another plea for weaponry from the Islamic countries. "We don't need soldiers, we need arms," the president told French television. That, in the wake of the killing on Friday of Hakija Turajlic, the Bosnian deputy prime minister, is his government's position. It reasons that it is better by far to have arms than a half-hearted Western intervention.

At best, Western intervention would impose the United Nations plan of Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance which robs the Bosnian government of most of its central authority. The plan is better than nothing but, as viewed from Sarajevo, only just. If, on the other hand, heavy arms were brought in quickly, the Bosnian Muslims could change the military situation and enter new peace talks in the spring from a far stronger position.

This is based on the premise that the Islamic Conference Organisation will hold to its promise to press for an urgent end to the UN arms embargo if there is no peace settlement by January 15. But there is no real certainty that this will happen. The Saudis and the Turks, in particular, are under pressure from Washington to hold off from such a move at least until the Clinton administration has developed its strategy. There are influential voices in the Clinton team urging a relaxation of the arms embargo; one low-cost way of enforcing a "no-fly" zone would be to give the Bosnian Muslims surface-to-air missiles and let them shoot down Serb planes themselves.

The threat of the Bosnian conflict developing an international Islamic dimension is therefore chiefly a negotiating ploy. The fact is that Mr Izetbegovic has a very weak hand in Geneva and at some point he will probably have to sign a United Nations agreement that in effect partitions his country.

The mood in Sarajevo has hardened since the Turajlic killing. To the Muslims, it demonstrated two things: that the UN cannot provide even minimal protection, and that the Serbs are not to be trusted under any circumstances. The Muslim states are likely to take an equally critical view of the United Nations. However, the Islamic Conference Organisation has been even less effective than the UN. On Friday it will have a choice: to overcome this sense of impotence by authorising the supply of weapons to Bosnia or to throw its support behind the UN.

These then are the factors in play at the Geneva conference. On the one hand, there is the desperate search by the Bosnian president for a military quick fix. On the other, there are the Serbs, disgruntled, a little war-weary, reluctant to give up captured land for a piece of paper. The fantasy of a Greater Serbia governs their approach; personal ambition steers the negotiating technique of Radovan Karadzic, the leader of the Bosnian Serbs. It all adds up to a witches' brew, full of poison and pestilence.

Orthodox churches snub vigil

Assisi: European Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders, but no representatives of the Serbian Orthodox Church, joined the Pope yesterday in prayers at the birthplace of St Francis for peace and an end to the "mad craving for power" in the Balkans (John Phillips writes).

All Eastern Orthodox leaders, except the Metropolitan of Macedonia, boycotted the vigil of prayer and fast at the Umbrian hill town of Assisi. The Pope made no reference during the ceremonies to previous calls by the Vatican for the West to intervene militarily to disarm Serbian forces.

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, represented the Church of England during the night of prayer and had an audience with the Pope yesterday before attending a Mass beneath the Giotto frescoes of the Basilica of St Francis.

Jakub Selimoski, the religious leader of Bosnian Muslims, saying "the gardens have become cemeteries", appealed to the world to halt the genocide of his people.

Nazis opposed

Handicapped Germans joined the fight against neo-Nazism by organising a "chain of light" along the Rhine in Cologne on Saturday. More than 50,000 people holding candles and sparklers took part. *(Reuter)*

Kurds protest

Amman: Thousands of Kurds demonstrating in Sulaymaniyah, northern Iraq, demanded that local officials find and punish the killer of Stuart Cameron, an Australian aid worker shot dead last week, the Care Australia organisation said. *(Reuter)*

German role

Frankfurt: Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general, arrived in Germany for a three-day visit. He plans to meet Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, and Klaus Kinkel, the foreign minister, to discuss Germany's role in the UN. *(Reuter)*

Body shoppers

Moscow: A busload of Russians refused to break a shopping trip to Poland after one of them died of a heart attack as they approached the border, Tass said. They travelled on for several days, leaving the man's corpse on a back

Panorama of destruction blots out 'just another conference' in Geneva

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN VISOKO

Visoko's residents get their alarm call each morning when Serb fighters on the Sarajevo frontline that snakes across the surrounding hills loose off a barrage of shells into the town.

It is under siege. Serb artillery positions have a clear line of fire into the town, say locals.

We took the only safe way in: by driving over a winding snow-covered track through the mountains, which was out of range of Serb guns, and had a Bosnian army checkpoint. The view across the hills of central Bosnia was breathtaking. Early morning sunlight glistened on the icy-covered pine and larch trees that swept up the hills, and a blanket of snow seemed to smother the ravages of war.

But the trip across this scenic idyll was only a brief respite from the panorama of destruction. Visoko, with its majority Muslim population, faces the northwest tip of the Serb frontline outside Sarajevo. Its battered streets form part of the Bosnian army frontline positions.

A wall protects the petrol station outside the town from shrapnel, and the boom of nearby fighting echoes around the valley. Huge bricked-up holes in blocks of flats are testimony to the accuracy of Serb gunners, armed with heavy calibre mortars and 155mm howitzers.

The scene in the streets of Visoko is a familiar one in former Yugoslavia: shattered windows where the freezing wind howls through the jagged shards; buildings with façades pitted with deep shrapnel scars; and sandbags offering scant protection against shelling. A few pedestrians venture out, and stray dogs run beside cars, barking furiously in their confusion.

The talks in Geneva on the proposed division of Bosnia into ten provinces, which resumed yesterday, have little relevance to life here in central Bosnia. Between 200 and 250 shells have fallen on Visoko in the past ten days, the latest attack in eight months of Serb artillery barrage. Captain Timothy Hercock of the 9th/12th Lancers, on armoured patrol in the town as part of the British humanitarian contingent, suggested that the Geneva talks had led to an increase in tension. "Both sides are concerned that the other is about to launch a spectacular action," he said.

Visoko had taken in 13,000 Bosnian refugees but now the town is too dangerous to house them and they have been evacuated into surrounding villages. Many had been housed in the school gymanasium, just 300 yards from the frontline, but the building has taken four direct hits and everyone has gone, apart from the local aid workers who have set up an office underground.

Ferid Avdovic, a local Red Cross official, said: "It's very difficult for people who have escaped God knows what to come here and then be under attack. We think we may have been chosen as a target. The enemy usually fires at random but we are very exposed and they can see us very clearly."

The hospital has been targeted. It took two direct hits last July, rendering the first floor useless, and shells frequently land in the sandbagged compound. Every time the hospital staff leave for work or the journey home they have to run the gauntlet of Serb shellfire.

Wounded Bosnian army soldiers were lying in the makeshift underground intensive care ward. Hamid, 20, who was badly wounded in the leg near Visegrad, said: "I was leading my unit but the Serbs spotted us and opened fire. After I was hit I didn't know what was happening. The Serbs shot me with some sort of dum-dum bullet." A drip led into his arm and the pain was evident on his face as he spoke. Like many soldiers, he had no faith in the peace talks. "Geneva is just one more of many conferences. Why should it be any different from any of the others that failed miserably?"

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Savimbi flees as Angolan army takes rebel cities

■ Jonas Savimbi resumed the civil war after alleging election fraud. The left-wing Luanda government seems determined to wipe him out

By Sam Kiley, Africa correspondent

ANGOLAN government forces yesterday captured the rebel Unita stronghold of Huambo after two days of fighting amid reports that Jonas Savimbi, the leader of the opposition movement, had fled the city.

Diplomats in Luanda, the capital, confirmed reports that Huambo had fallen to government forces after soldiers from the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) used tanks and jets to dislodge the Union for the Total Independence of Angola Unita). Government forces said that they had taken over Dr Savimbi's personal residence,

Savimbi: position as Unita leader is shaky

the Casa Branca (White House), two miles from Huambo airport.

"When fighting ended, there was not a single member of Unita left in town," said General Jose Maria, on Angolan national radio. "We have to assume their leaders managed to leave before the conflict began." The loss of Huambo, the capital of Bie province, came at the same time as Luena, capital of Moxico province, fell into government hands. Victories in these two cities represent a significant step for the Angolan government in its attempt to wipe out Unita.

The government triumphs also have special symbolic significance for both sides. Huambo is in the heart of Dr Savimbi's traditional tribal lands, while Luena was saved from Unita after a 40-day siege, when the government and the rebels agreed a peace accord in May 1991. No clear picture of Dr Savimbi's whereabouts emerged last night, but it was most likely that he was heading for Jamba, the military camp close to the Namibian border which he used as a base during his 16-year war against the MPLA.

With the capture of Huambo and Luena, no significant cities remained in Unita's hands after a week of fighting in which they lost control of Lobito, Uige and Caxito, while their people were killed or have fled from Lubango, Benguela and Namibe. Earlier reports that Ndalatando, about 150 miles east of Luanda, had fallen to the government appeared to be untrue. "Unita is still hanging on but by all accounts there is nothing much left of the place," a Western diplomat said.

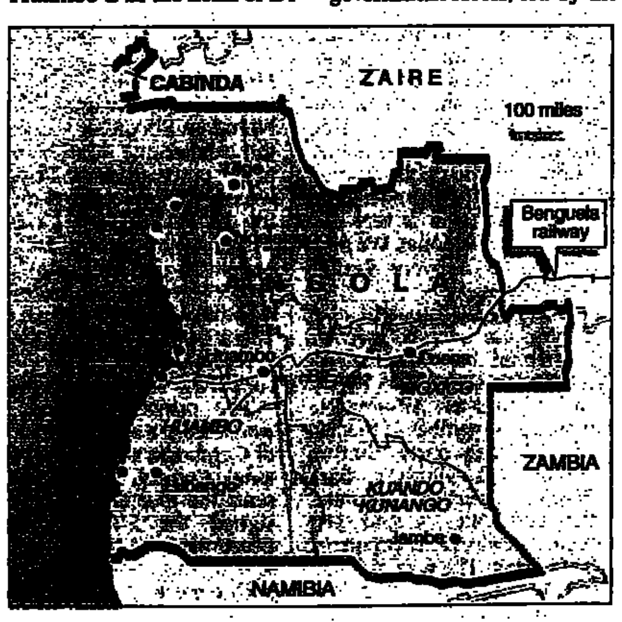
Unita spokesmen in London and Washington insisted that Dr Savimbi was still in control of Huambo, which diplomats said was unlikely. Some agreed with the Unita spokesmen that large numbers of its soldiers and civilians had been killed over the past week. "The death toll is now well into the thousands," one diplomat said.

After last week's losses, Dr Savimbi's position as head of Unita and its chief military thinker appeared to be shaky, especially after the government claimed to have captured General Wambu, one of Dr Savimbi's few senior commanders left alive in the campaign against the movement launched in Luanda last October and November.

The present fighting started when the electoral process disintegrated last September. Dr Savimbi lost and said the government had rigged votes to deny him victory. Unita forces took more than 70 per cent of the country.

Most observers agreed that the recent successes of the government forces, led by the paramilitary emergency police who were supplied with sophisticated weapons from Spain, paid for by diamond-smuggling through Israel, exceeded expectations. A diplomat in Luanda said: "It is clear that the government finally lost patience and has resolved to wipe Savimbi off the face of the earth. In the long term no one can win the Angolan civil war but the events of the last week are a clear sign that Unita cannot hold towns and is best suited to a rural guerrilla war which Dr Savimbi waged to devastating effect with American and South African backing.

"One has to question the loyalty of troops to a leader who has been whipped again and again."



Mercy strained: a Somali youth, detained on suspicion of stealing food from the Mogadishu port complex, cries out in pain as a US marine unties his hands

Marines thwart Somali ambush

By Our Foreign Staff

US MARINES opened fire on Somali gunmen who tried to ambush them in an alley in Mogadishu early yesterday, killing three and wounding another, a spokesman said.

The fight was one of several shootings reported overnight, including clashes among rival clans. Locals claimed that dozens had died in inter-clan fighting which continued throughout the day.

Chief Warrant Officer Eric Carlson said a marine observer on top of a six-storey building near the US embassy had spotted seven or eight armed Somalis in an alley adjacent to the embassy compound, now the headquarters for the marines. The Somalis were in what he called a patrol formation.

A marine foot patrol was sent to the area but the observer noticed the Somalis had detected its approach and were preparing to open fire. "At that point, the observer himself fired, hitting two Somalis, killing one and wounding another," CWO Carlson said. The Somalis then shot at the marines, who returned fire, killing two more Somalis. No marines were hurt. CWO Carlson said the foot patrol withdrew when a crowd gathered to see what was going on. He had no information on the identity of the gunmen.

The casualties brought to at least 11 the number of Somalis killed by the US-led multinational force since Operation Restore Hope began on December 9 to protect relief supplies for the hungry from clan gunmen and bandits. The US military command has vowed to rid the capital of gunmen, but yesterday some roads which were secure last week were again unusable for civilians, even with guards. Colonel Fred Peck, the senior US military spokesman, has said it will take "some time" to make Mogadishu secure.

Sporadic fighting continued yesterday just south of the marines' headquarters in northwest Mogadishu, with some rounds landing inside the complex. Col Peck said the fighting was believed to be between the Murosuthi and the Habegedir clans.

US military police also came under sniper fire twice yesterday at a parade ground built by Mohamed Siad Barre, the former dictator, Col Peck said.

Delhi court frees Hindu extremists

From Christopher Thomas in Delhi and Our Foreign Staff

SIX Hindu extremist leaders who were detained after the destruction of the Babri mosque in Ayodhya were released last night on the orders of a magistrate, who said they were being freed unconditionally and "with honour".

Muslims, who are angry at police reluctance to press charges of inciting religious confrontation, will be incensed by the move. The partisanship of the predominantly Hindu police force and local officials has barely been concealed in recent weeks.

The six leaders have been held in a comfortable boarding house, from where they have been issuing press statements and writing newspaper articles. Their detention was a useful propaganda tool, and none had applied for bail. Their release was doubtless at their own private request.

Those being released include Murli Manohar Joshi and Lal Krishna Advani, key leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), and Ashok Singhal, leader of the extremist Vishwa Hindu Parishad. The BJP is now expected to step up its campaign to destabilise the government.

P. V. Narasimha Rao, the prime minister, has cancelled a visit to Bangladesh to attend the annual summit of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation because of protests planned against his visit in Dhaka. The meeting has been postponed.

In Bombay yesterday at least 15 people were killed in continuing communal violence, taking the toll to 162 in five days of fighting in western India. Most of the victims so far have been Muslims.

Fires raged in many areas of Bombay, India's commercial capital, and smoke darkened the sky. "It's like darkness at noon," said Basil Rath, a train driver who saw two corpses on the railway tracks. "There are fires all over the place."

Rival gangs took advantage of the violence to loot smouldering shops, residents said. Looting was reported in at least seven curfew-bound districts of the city. The security forces said they would shoot anybody found on the streets in these areas, most of which are in Muslim districts.

In Bombay's slum area of Mahim, dazed residents sat outside charred remains of their huts where three people were burnt to death overnight.

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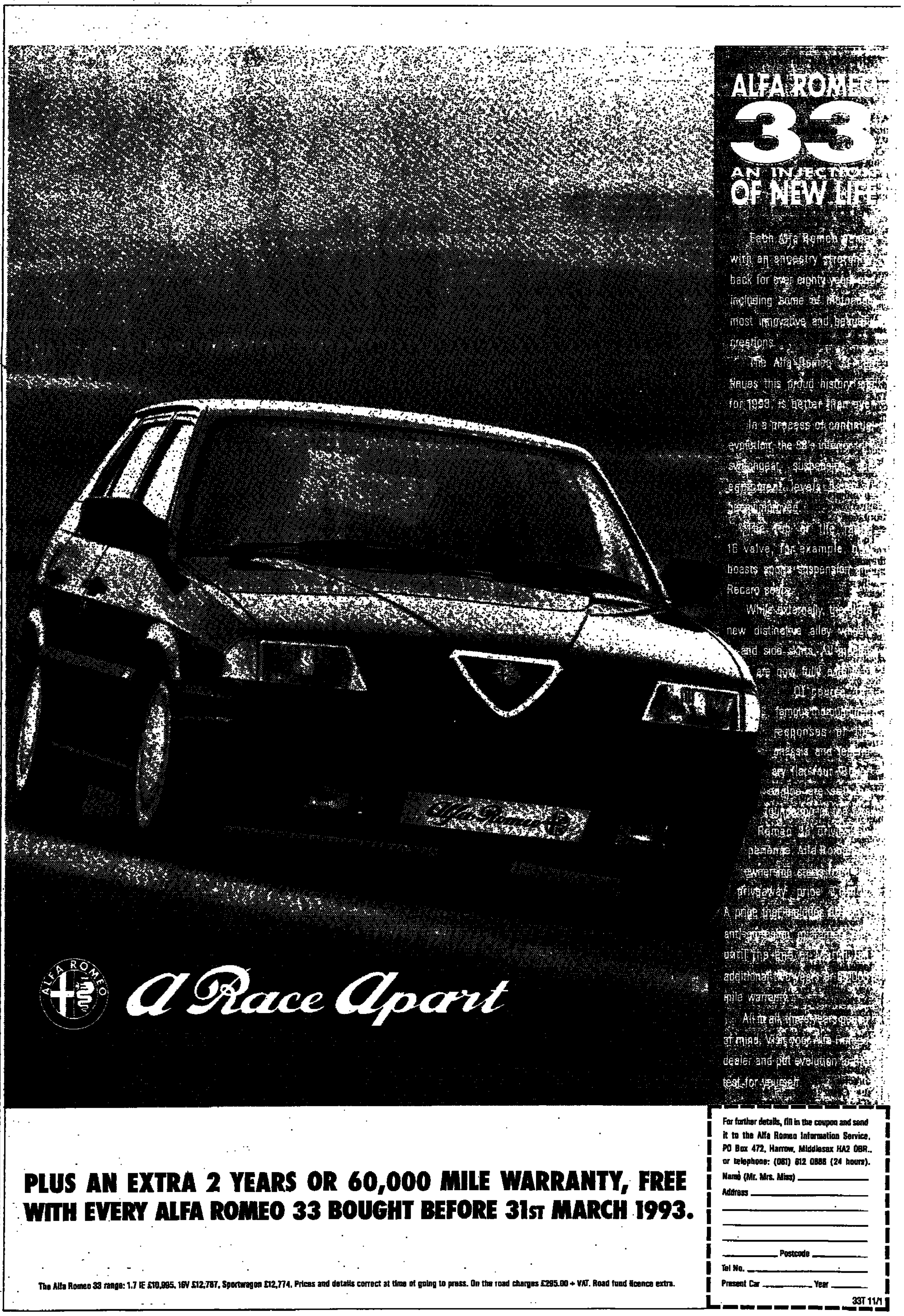


Hollywood stars take dim view of Clinton party line

Streisand: invited to sing at inauguration

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

BILL Clinton has promised that his inauguration as president, which is now little more than a week away, will be a reunion for all Americans to enjoy, from the famous to the humble, but he reckoned without Hollywood's notoriously fragile egos.

Tinseltown is buzzing with miffed Cinderellas: stars who were either not asked to appear at the inauguration, seated in the wrong place or not invited at all. Hundreds of film, pop and entertainment celebrities rallied around Mr Clinton during the election campaign, and confidently expected to see their names on the credit roll when the new president was sworn in.

Barbra Streisand, for example, has been asked to sing at the inauguration, but the singer-dancer Paula Abdul has not; when asked if she would perform at another event, "The Salute to Youth", Ms Abdul said that simply was not good enough. The actress Geena Davis, co-star of *Thelma and Louise*, also offered to perform, but was not selected; Bette Midler, the singer, was asked to perform, but was not invited to any of the other inaugural events.

Having energetically supported the Democratic campaign, film stars such as Robert de Niro, Kim Basinger, Ali McGraw, Kathleen Turner, Richard Gere and Robin Williams all expected to come to the party. Some even went so far as to book hotel rooms for the big event. None was invited to the inauguration, and all are now said to be seething in various states of resentment.

While acknowledging the important role played by the stars in the Clinton victory, the organisers of the $20 million (£13 million) event have pointed out that the inauguration theme is "American reunion" not "Beverly Hills reunion", and is intended to bring together all Americans, not just Hollywood celebrities. But that explanation has hardly smoothed the ruffled feathers of many Hollywood Democrats who expected to be cast in the first inauguration of a Democratic president for 16 years.

Some 300,000 people are expected to pour into Washington next week, nearly twice the number who attended the Bush inauguration in 1989, and the Democrats have laid on a staggering array of parties, balls and shows, ranging from the Arkansas Blue Jeans Ball, to a performance by the Colorado Precision Lawn Chair Demonstration team — yes, a team of six men and a leader who march around with lawn chairs in time to music.

The city centre was closed off yesterday for the first parade rehearsal. Pennsylvania Avenue's pavements have disappeared beneath banks of wooden seats, and a huge presidential reviewing stand has practically obscured the White House.

The most sought after tickets are those to the swearing-in ceremony itself on January 20. Simply obtaining one of the 37,000 tickets is difficult enough, but getting a seat near the front (where one can see the new president and, more importantly, be seen by the television cameras) is even harder and competition is fierce. Almost half the tickets are allocated to members of Congress, their families, friends and associates; seats which many Hollywood celebrities feel would be far better occupied by them.

The inauguration extravaganza is intended to combine Washington and Hollywood chic with the sort of folksy get-together that is already a hallmark of the Clinton style. But what was intended as a vast, all-embracing White House-warming party is proving a logistical nightmare, and the rich and famous are not the only ones to feel snubbed. Following Mr Clinton's bus tour of the country during the election, 50 "ordinary American heroes" he met were invited to attend the inauguration, to the anger of at least one Democratic senator who felt that since nobody had been selected from his home state, this implied there were no heroes among his electorate. Douglas Millin, Mr Clinton's Oxford college porter, has declined an invitation to attend.

Also excluded is the all-male Virginia Military Institute, a traditional fixture in past inauguration parades. Political correctness appears to have prevailed; the Lesbian and Gay Band of America has been invited.

The planners risk overkill on symbolism. Mr Clinton will arrive by bus on Sunday from Monticello, the Virginia home of Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence. That night he will walk back into Virginia across Washington's Memorial Bridge, built to symbolise the post-Civil War reunion of north and south. On the far side he will ring a replica of the Liberty Bell, setting off peals of bells across the nation and in the orbiting space shuttle Endeavour.

Meanwhile there is money to be made. The inaugural committee has opened the first of several memorabilia shops and is doing fantastic trade in everything from $2 stick-on Clinton tattoos to gold saxophone badges and commemorative yo-yos made of recyclable plastic.

Saddam bans UN plane in fresh challenge to West

■ *While the West ultimately prevails each time the Iraqi dictator engineers a confrontation, he may well be the overall beneficiary*

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

A DEFIANT Iraq started on a new collision course with the West yesterday when it refused permission for a United Nations plane carrying weapons inspectors to land in Baghdad, leaving it stranded on the ground in Bahrain.

The official refusal to give the plane clearance, announced by a UN official in Baghdad, came only hours after President Saddam Hussein denied that Iraq had climbed down over last week's ultimatum to remove its missiles from the south, as claimed by Washington.

Western officials believe that another Iraqi climbdown will soon be necessary if the dispute over the right of UN planes, fulfilling the Gulf war ceasefire mandate, to fly into the country is not restored. The officials believe the row could lead to another military flashpoint. The United Nations Security Council, backed by America, had already issued a warning before yesterday's action of unspecified serious consequences if Baghdad did not give in. Attacks on Iraqi military air bases already planned over the missile confrontation are considered a strong possibility.

To avoid attacks by American warplanes, Iraq unquestionably moved its most threatening missiles in the southern "no-fly" zone shortly before Friday night's deadline. In Washington, officials conceded that Baghdad appeared not to have complied fully with the terms of the West's ultimatum. That stipulated that the missiles had to be returned to their "original sites or configurations within 48 hours". By yesterday morning, not all the missiles' new positions had been located.

The outspoken language of the statement from the White House on Saturday was designed to humiliate the Iraqi leader. It stated that Saddam had "once again backed down in the face of coalition solidarity", and that Iraq "remains isolated and a pariah among nations".

But the administration was obliged to add a warning that any Iraqi missiles or planes found to be violating the no-fly zone would be destroyed without notice. America has scores of warplanes on alert in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf.

Officials said yesterday that, while the missiles had posed a military threat, Iraq's attempt to bar United Nations planes from landing on its territory was a blatant violation of UN resolutions and represented a political challenge almost as serious. Iraq announced the new ban on United Nations flights on Thursday in a letter handed to the UN office in Baghdad, but its immediate impact was overshadowed by the countdown concerning the ultimatum to move the missiles situated below the 32nd parallel.

UN officials announced in Baghdad last night that the enforcement of the Iraqi threat had left employees and inspectors of the Baghdad office of the United Nations Special Commission stranded in Bahrain, and had prevented them from continuing with their mandated task of clearing the country of weapons of mass destruction.

Many Western observers in the Middle East believe that the unspecified UN and American threats may have to be translated into a new deadline before the Iraqis renounce the ban on the flights. In the past, since his defeat in the Gulf war, Saddam has always stopped just short of allowing his defiant policies to spill over into military action.

The Iraqi dictator is able to foment an international crisis almost at will, and aides to Bill Clinton have no doubt that Saddam will seek to test the new president's resolve soon after his inauguration next week. Mr Clinton gave Mr Bush his unqualified support during the missile confrontation, and warned Saddam at the weekend that it would be a "serious misreading of our political system to think that just because President Bush has a week left in office, that either he or I would somehow be deterred from doing what is right here". Since the Gulf war, Iraq has engaged in more than a dozen public or private showdowns with America and the UN. In Washington the realisation is growing that while the West has ultimately prevailed on each occasion, nothing is resolved long-term and Saddam may be the overall beneficiary.

In each confrontation he depicts himself as the defender of Iraqi sovereignty who dares take the Americans to the brink, fanning nationalist passions in the process and absolving himself from blame for Iraq's mounting domestic hardship. The CIA, which used to predict Saddam's imminent overthrow, now acknowledges that the chances of a coup in the foreseeable future are slim.

Arabs outside Iraq are less likely to be duped by the official Iraqi gloss on the humiliating events of last week, but their governments have shown little enthusiasm for any new confrontation with Baghdad. Even those who were the strongest backers of the anti-Iraqi coalition of 1990-1 fear new violence could split the country into three, and throw the region into chaos.

The government-controlled media in many Arab states have unfavourably contrasted the West's speed in acting against the Iraqis with its slowness in taking resolute steps against Israel, over the 415 Palestinian deportees, or Serbia. Yesterday, the semi-official *Egyptian Gazette*, voice of the normally pro-American government of President Mubarak, wrote: "The swiftness by which the West has reacted to the Iraqi missile crisis corroborates the common belief in the Muslim community that the West is inevitably ambivalent.

"It shows its strength, and bares its teeth only in dealing with the weak. All Muslims wonder why the West is reluctant to manifest the same determination and speak such a language of deterrence in reversing the tragic situation in Bosnia."

Family reunion: Bassam Sayuri, 16, deported from Israel by mistake, being welcomed home by relatives in Hebron yesterday after 23 days away

Lebanon blocks way to Red Cross

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

HUNDREDS of Palestinian deportees remained trapped in a south Lebanon mountainside camp last night after a short-lived weekend compromise between Israeli and Lebanese authorities enabled Red Cross officials to move two of the men.

One of the Palestinians, a 16-year-old youth expelled in error, returned to his home in the West Bank town of Hebron early yesterday. "Thank God my son is back; I only hope the others will return shortly," Salim Sayuri said, welcoming home his son Bassam, who spent 23 days stranded in Lebanon after being wrongly identified as an activist of the Hamas Islamic Resistance Movement.

Another deportee, suffering from a kidney ailment, was evacuated for medical treatment. Zoheir Labbadeh, 31, from Nablus, was also flown out by helicopter to the headquarters of the United Nations interim force in Lebanon at Naqoura, where he was escorted by Israeli troops in an ambulance to the main hospital at Marjayoun, the largest town in Israel's self-declared security zone in southern Lebanon.

However, hopes that nine of the remaining 413 banished Palestinians, who were also mistakenly expelled, would be allowed to return home today appeared to be dashed when Rafik Hariri, the Lebanese prime minister, insisted that the one-off visit by officials of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) would not be repeated. "The ICRC cannot use the UN helicopter any more. We permitted them to use it on Saturday because they said it was a fact-finding mission. But we gave them permission to do an assessment of the camp and nothing else," he said. "If they want to take the nine out they can take them through Israeli lines. But we will not open the door."

His tough stand was apparently an attempt to halt what Lebanese authorities feared could become a routine for Red Cross officials to gain access to the makeshift Palestinian camp located near the village of Marj az-Zahour, a no man's land between Lebanese and Israeli troops.

In the cynical game of politics and propaganda over the fate of the exiled Palestinians, the government in Beirut seems to have judged that now is not the time to reach a compromise with Israel. Lebanon fears that the makeshift camp could become permanent if food, medicine and supplies are allowed to reach the men. They were deported last month in retaliation for a series of attacks on members of the Israeli security forces that were blamed by the Israeli government on Hamas and the Islamic Jihad group.

Today in Cairo Arab League foreign ministers are due to meet in extraordinary session to discuss ways of putting pressure on Israel to take all of the men back. The latest UN mediation mission to the region ended inconclusively last night after the special envoy, Chinmaya Gharekhan, failed to persuade Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister, to accept UN Security Council Resolution 799 and repatriate the deportees.

In spite of the impending diplomatic offensive against the Israeli deportations, members of the country's left-wing coalition government yesterday blamed Mr Hariri for the impasse. "We view the Lebanese decision today with much gravity," Shimon Shetreet, the economics minister, said. "The fact that they have refused to allow the nine men to be brought home was taken out of political considerations. I hope that the public opinion of the world will understand that our position is very reasonable and rational. We have decided to be very flexible when necessary."

Israel radio reported that during the cabinet meeting Mr Rabin had promised to consider a suggestion by the energy minister, Amnon Rubinstein, a member of the left-wing Meretz party, that in addition to allowing back Palestinians exiled by mistake, the authorities should also repatriate all elderly deportees.

☐ **Hebron:** The wife of Samir al-Qadi, one of the Palestinian deportees, gave birth to a girl yesterday and named her Marj az-Zahour after the camp where they are trapped. Relatives said the mother, 25, and her daughter in Surif village near Hebron, were both well. Marj az-Zahour is Arabic for "the Meadow of Flowers". *(Reuter)*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sihanouk changes his mind

Hong Kong: The UN has succeeded in coaxing Prince Norodom Sihanouk back into the faltering Cambodian peace process (James Pringle writes). After a weekend meeting in Peking with Yasushi Akashi, who is leading the UN operation in Cambodia, the prince reversed his decision that he would no longer cooperate with the UN because it was unable to protect his supporters from being killed.

The prince also said he would host a special meeting of Cambodia's Supreme National Council, which represents the four factions which signed the October 1991 peace pact, in Peking at the end of this month. He said such a meeting was necessary to iron out problems before presidential elections later this year. The prince also said he would contest the polls.

Cabinet revised

Managua: President Chamorro of Nicaragua brought in two members of the opposition Sandinistas into her cabinet. Fernando Guzmán was named as tourism minister and Alvaro Oyanguren as the deputy minister of the agrarian reform institute. *(Reuter)*

Summit is off

Dhaka: A seven-nation south Asian summit was abandoned after P. V. Narasimha Rao, the Indian prime minister, refused to attend because of threats by Bangladeshi Muslims to blockade Dhaka airport in protest at the razing of the mosque in Ayodhya.

Crash kills 50

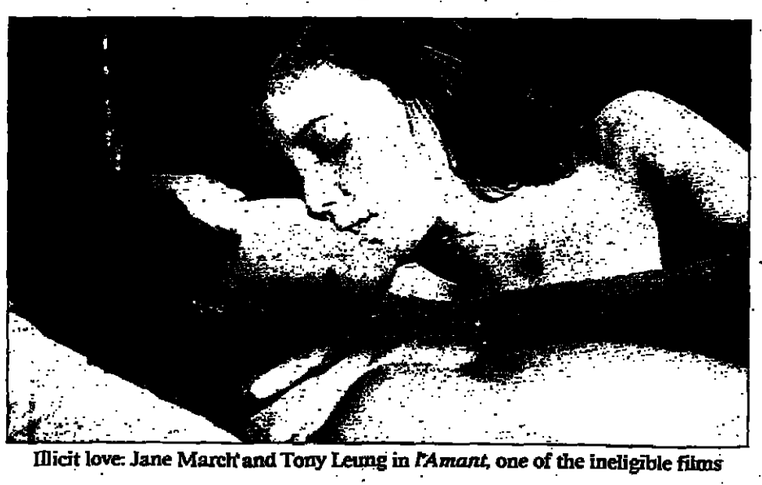
Buenos Aires: Three tour buses collided on a highway, killing 50 people, Argentine police reported. Most were burnt beyond recognition in the accident, which occurred in northeastern Santo Tome, near the borders with Brazil and Paraguay. *(AP)*

Judge enquiry

Adelaide: The South Australian supreme court has been asked to investigate comments by Judge Derek Bollen, 65, which appear to condone sexual violence in marriage. His remarks were made at the trial of a man accused of raping his wife. He was acquitted. *(AFP)*

French cinema tries to give English kiss of death

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS



Illicit love: Jane March and Tony Leung in *l'Amant*, one of the ineligible films

DEFENDERS of the French language are cheering a small victory in their losing war against the invasion of Anglo-American: the French film academy has barred four big native contenders from this year's awards because they were made in English.

The retroactive decision, which was hailed by many directors, disqualifies from the César awards *l'Amant (The Lover)*, France's top box-office film of 1992, *1492 (1492: The Conquest of Paradise)*, the Columbus epic starring Gérard Depardieu, *Lune de Fiel (Bitter Moon)*, the Roman Polanski sex drama, and *Fatale (Damage)*, Louis Malle's melodrama. The four films are French-produced.

English has become the favoured language for big-budget French films because it gives access to the giant market in America. Only tiny audiences there turn out to see anything with subtitles. In the pop world, the practice is even more rife. No really ambitious young singer would be caught dead recording in French. Vanessa Paradis and Mathilda May are the latest additions to the long list of English-singing French artists, stretching back to Maurice Chevalier and Edith Piaf.

The society of film directors had a good Gallic explanation for their approval of the César decision, which relegates French films not made in French to the foreign category. It was, they said, the source of "extreme satisfaction" because "the language of a social group is the concrete translation of its existence". The production companies, who are eager to score global blockbusters, deplored the decision, which was reached after three angry academy meetings. Robert Enrico, the president of the academy, said the ruling was an attempt to defend European films against the invasion of American culture. Georges Cravenne, who originated the Césars, said he was unhappy with the ruling, as did Jean-Jacques Annaud. "For me, the language of the cinema is in the image and that is where we should be defending our culture," he said. However, M Annaud, who has won Césars for *The Name of the Rose* and *War for Fire*, said he was forced to accept the will of the majority of the academy, of which he is vice-president.

The academy's decision, however, is unlikely to impress film moguls and producers who accept the commercial case for English dialogue.

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Deal at last to outlaw poison weapon stocks

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 100 countries have agreed to sign a chemical and biological weapons convention, banning their production, storage and use, at a ceremony in Paris on Wednesday. The treaty, which will come into force in January 1995, will compel signatory states which have chemical weapons to destroy their stocks within ten years.

Among the key nations will be Russia, China and Israel. It was unclear whether North Korea will sign.

The Israelis have agreed to sign even though all the Arab countries known to possess chemical weapons, including Syria and Libya, are boycotting the event. The Arabs have refused to support a global ban on chemical weapons unless Israel signs the nuclear non-proliferation treaty. There is a regional agreement to ban all weapons of mass destruction. Israel has never admitted to possessing nuclear weapons but is suspected of having at least 100 warheads.

The convention, which includes a verification regime for both military and civilian industrial plants, is seen as an historic achievement. The treaty has taken 24 years of negotiations. Western diplomats are hopeful that the treaty will have an indirect effect on countries that refuse to sign. They will be barred from importing chemicals relevant for both industrial and military functions.

Britain and several other countries had wanted to impose a challenge inspection procedure, under which a country suspected of cheating would be subject to an immediate check. The United States insisted on five days' grace, out of concern that inspectors would gain access to sensitive American military establishments. Britain fought for a tougher inspection regime but finally conceded.

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New head girl at the BBC

Liz Forgan, from today one of the most powerful women in Britain, is modest about her success. Valerie Grove reports

When Liz Forgan first went to Channel 4 — having barely watched a television programme before, let alone made one — the reaction of John Birt and Michael Grade, then the current affairs stars of London Weekend, was scornful mirth. "You'll never believe what Jeremy's gone and done," Mr Birt told Mr Grade. "Appointed Liz Forgan as editor of news and current affairs!" This perplexing and ludicrous move by Jeremy Isaacs, they thought, ensured that Channel 4 would be no serious rival to them.

"But that was the genius of Jeremy," Mr Grade now says, as he hands Ms Forgan, her capability thoroughly proven (*Channel 4 News, Video Box, Dispatches*) over to Mr Birt, who this morning will make her one of the most powerful women in the country as either number two or three at the BBC with a wide-ranging brief.

Yet her response to being phoned in Orkney this weekend was "Haven't newspapers got more important things to write about — is nothing happening in Bosnia?"

This is a typical Forgan riposte. When her goddaughter, aged ten, approached her for a school project on interesting people, "my godmother was rather horrified", wrote the child. "She said, 'But what about the famine in Ethiopia, or cleaning up the Thames?' "

This is faintly disingenuous, in one with her newspaper background and her commitment to press freedom. Or it may be a relic of her background where it is not polite to boast, but more seemly to profess astonishment that one might be of the slightest interest. She is innately self-effacing, content to spend long, hard days in the office without wanting a fuss made of her. She would be the very last person to expose her life in a Germaine Greerish way. Her chief interest outside work is singing soprano in churches with a chamber music group; she is head-girlishly brisk in dismissal of frivolity. The word "giggle" is misleadingly applied to her musical laugh; but she does laugh rather a lot. She is good at the put-down delivered with a bright toothy smile. "Oh come on now, Simon/Andrew/Peter" is the general tone of her tickings-off to men in suits.

When analysing what makes Ms Forgan so special, Mr Grade points out perceptively that her writing is a key. It was her writing skill that got her into television in the first place: her interview with Mr Isaacs in *The Guardian* on December 1, 1980, in a series on women and the media men. "Alone among television enterprises, Channel 4 has a blameless record regarding its treatment of women," she began. "This is because it has not yet screened a single programme."

Mr Isaacs was therefore, she wrote, the great white hope; and feminists, "like dissident producers, blacks, pinochle players and every other major or minor group which feels itself slighted or traduced by television", were lobbying him. Thus cleverly indicating ironical detachment, she concluded approvingly that Mr Isaacs cared less about what women wanted to watch than about what programmes women wanted to make. In early 1981 he offered her one of his first top appointments — commissioning editor, news and current affairs, salary £20,000, making her at 36 one of the top women in television despite having barely watched a programme.

CHANNEL 4

Formidable force: Ms Forgan is committed to courageous, combative broadcasting free from interference

Her career has been a series of such chance switches. When she was a reporter on the Ham 'n' High, the north London weekly, an article about Christopher Booker and Bennie Gray's battle with the property developers drew her to the notice of the *Evening Standard*. "I hear you're rather bright," said Charles Wintour, the then editor, when he rang. She became the chief leader writer — being of the right was not in those day a prerequisite for that job — until lured to *The Guardian* to edit the women's page, though she had never belonged to that sisterhood before.

"If you have no brother, and go to a girls' boarding school and a women's college, you grow up to see women running things and have no sense of women being in captive roles. I thought everyone had seen the light, the job was done, the battle won," she said at the time. On *The Guardian*, she discovered how far removed her experiences were from most women's lot, and it made her a feminist, but one with enough of a sense of humour to be amused (unlike some readers) by a very funny Michael Heath cartoon showing a woman on an obstetric table.

> Few have had the experience of sitting round a table with blank paper and £80 million to spend

The reason for her never having married is simple: the man in her life, Rex Cowan, remains married. He is a former solicitor who now dives for lost treasure and makes films. He and Ms Forgan, whom he addresses as Elizabeth with mocking devotion, have been together (though living apart) for many years, spending all their spare time at her "little stone house" in Orkney — a long, low cottage in an expanse of grey sea and grey sky — where she has become a local celebrity for fête-opening purposes.

She had a peripatetic childhood which began in August 1944 in Calcutta, where her father was serving with the Gordon Highlanders. When he joined Shell Oil, the family lived in California, Iran, Kuwait, Venezuela and Cobham, Surrey. She went to 21 schools before she was nine and claims not to remember the names of any of them until she and her sister Sue went to their mother's old school, Benenden.

She thought that after reading modern languages at St Hugh's, Oxford, she might become a schoolmistress. She did for a time run a little school for American children in Kuwait. But after Oxford, where she joined six music clubs and "every political party", her first job was typing for Procter and Gamble in Rome. At 23, living with her parents in Tehran, she landed the job of arts editor of the *Tehran Journal* when the editor asked her if she could spell the name of Dr Verwoerd.

Few in television have had the experience she describes of her first day at Channel 4, sitting with eight people round a table with a blank sheet of paper and £80 million to spend. To leave the channel she helped found has been a tough decision that has wrecked what was going to be a quiet Christmas away from it all. Mr Grade says it was inevitable that she would go: "A senior post at the BBC is fairly irresistible," he says. "I've been through that myself." Perhaps she was haunted by the prospect of staying too long at a channel which stands for change and innovation. "She's run all the programming for five years and she's always preached that the channel needs refreshing.

"She was herself Jeremy's biggest innovation — and she has more than shown that if you are intelligent and smart, the technology of television has no mystique about it."

In Channel 4's recent court cases, such as the one over the *Dispatches* programme on Northern Ireland, which alleged a conspiracy by security forces and Protestant gunmen to murder Catholics, Ms Forgan's trust in the programme's soundness had been the key to their firm stand, he said. "It was our confidence in her journalistic skills that enabled us to be so robust on questions of principle. She was always waterfight about testing the evidence before transmission." He thinks she would have made an excellent advocate.

"She has the clearest thinking mind. Her brain is sparkling, she writes like a dream. She can puzzle her way through any problem and present it clearly. She is also quick to admit a mistake — and she makes very few."

The £100,000 golden handcuffs Channel 4 paid to her will now be repaid by the BBC. Mr Grade's feelings on releasing his colleague into the corporation, whose Kremlin-like structure he has vociferously criticised, can be imagined. She will find it very different after the channel which he said "has no politics". She is committed to broadcasting that is courageous, combative and free from interference; she has no patience with bureaucracies. In this paper she described the Broadcasting Act 1990 as "this thicket of Grundyism, misplaced do-goodery, muddled thinking and cowardly censorship". But if there is one constant factor in her career it is loyalty to whoever she works for. And she can look after herself. Like the BBC's most famous matriarch, Grace Wyndham-Goldie, with no distractions of wife and motherhood, she can take her career as far as she likes, which is already through the glass ceiling. And she has got there without making anyone fail to like and admire her.

Change over for elderly mothers

The possible abolition of the menopause has raised hopes — and ethical issues

The menopause has always been seen as one of the eternal verities of women's lives. Just as there is a time to be born and a time to die, there has always been a time to give birth, and a barren time on the long slope towards the grave.

The effects can be devastating for some women, with hot flushes and other physical symptoms added to the psychological pressure of acknowledging that their reproductive lives are over. In a *Horizon* documentary to be broadcast tonight, John Studd of King's College in London calls the menopause "a colossal bit of biological sabotage on women". Of course, there are ways of delaying or even eliminating the menopause. Already hormone replacement therapy (HRT) can reduce its effects, and egg donation can make mothers out of grannies long past the change. But it could soon be possible to establish "egg banks" where eggs can be stored for years, or rejuvenate the reproductive systems of post-menopausal woman with cells taken from aborted foetuses.

Jonie Mitchell, 53, and her young son Morgan

Dr Roger Gosden, a physiologist at Edinburgh University, has traced what happens to the egg cells developed by a female embryo in the womb. It is a story of magnificent waste: of the five million or so immature egg cells in the embryo, only a million are present at birth, and 250,000 are left by puberty. Even this sounds plenty, for a woman will ovulate only about 400 times in her life.

Yet by the woman's forties the supply is getting low, triggering the changes that lead to the menopause. At about the age of 37, there is a sudden acceleration in the process, controlled perhaps by pituitary hormones. Without this, the egg cells would last much longer, delaying the menopause until the seventies. In animal experiments, Dr Gosden has shown that egg loss can be slowed by removing the pituitary gland, or by by feeding the animals only on alternate days.

> A dead foetus could be the genetic mother of a child

This work opens up the possibility of drugs to control the process and delay the menopause, giving women a fertile life as long as men's. This could enable women to defer pregnancy into their forties without the fear that they were leaving it too late.

Even more striking is evidence that the menopause can be reversed. Using mice, Dr Gosden has shown that ovarian cells extracted from foetal material and transplanted into a mature but sterile individual re-start the host ovary. The foreign cells may provoke an immune response from the new host, but that can be overcome. In principle, therefore, post-menopausal women could have their reproductive potential restored by implants from aborted foetuses (though Dr Gosden says he has no plans to try).

The baby that resulted would have genes from the immature foetal cells. "A dead foetus would be the genetic mother of the child," Dr Gosden says, and that is a difficult concept to come to terms with.

There are plenty of other techniques for ethicists to worry about. Last August a 61-year-old Italian woman gave birth to a boy after being implanted with an egg from a donor. While most clinics draw the line at women as old as that, many women beyond the menopause have now given birth. Jonie Mosby Mitchell, who appears in the *Horizon* programme, is an engaging 53-year-old from Ventura, California. She had four children by her first husband, and one adopted child with her second, when she heard of the work of Dr Mark Sauer.

More than 150 post-menopausal women have been treated in Dr Sauer's clinic at the University of Southern California. Volunteers are paid $2,000 a time to give eggs (a procedure not without risks), which are then fertilised with the would-be father's sperm. Hormone treatment is needed to prepare the old wombs, but after that nature takes over. Only about one in three of the women treated gets pregnant, roughly the same as with younger women using the same procedure.

Eggs from younger women are more likely to produce a successful pregnancy, but the age of the woman bearing the child is less important. According to Dr Sauer: "A woman in her fifties can have as successful a pregnancy as a woman in her thirties."

Mrs Mitchell was delighted by the treatment — and her son Morgan. "It was an easy pregnancy, the easiest one I ever had," she says. Others are appalled. Germaine Greer describes the procedure as "a most grotesque business" and asserts that "you can't escape the menopause, you can only deny it". But Ms Greer's strictures seem to leave out of account those specially unfortunate women who are made sterile by radiation treatment or the 200,000 or so British women who have their menopause very early, some as young as 16. In such situations foetal grafts might be ethically acceptable.

The idea of creating egg banks from cells grown in culture, something else which Dr Gosden has shown to be possible, may be less acceptable. Large numbers of eggs could be produced and stored, in principle for hundreds of years. It would get around the problems of egg shortages, though with the disadvantage (shared by sperm banks) of narrowing the genetic base by producing too many children from a single source.

The idea of storage for long periods introduces further ethical complications. A woman could, in theory, carry to term an egg that had originated in the ovary of a long-dead great-great-grandmother. Fanciful, perhaps, but the truth is that the tools are now available to help women escape their biological destiny, if that is what they desire.

NIGEL HAWKES

Horizon: Cheating Time will be shown on BBC2 tonight at 8 o'clock

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LIBBY PURVES

Prayer to a screen pioneer

We have just celebrated 25 years of the hole-in-the-wall cash machine. Incredible: it seems only yesterday that we fed-up tourist guides used to tell Americans in Oxford that the thing on the high street was put there in 1492 in pious memory of St Robert de Barclaycash. The quarter-century celebrations have been muted, consisting largely of a carping ten minutes on Radio 4 about phantom withdrawals, but I shall pay a lone tribute.

For those automatic tellers were pioneering educators: they were the first computer screens which my generation was forced to confront. They introduced us to the uncomprehending fury brought on by encountering something at once brilliant, logical and moronic. But it was better than risking meeting the bank manager face to face, so we soldiered on: nervously typed in our secret codes, waited for prompts, and when the machine winked "Incorrect code" groped in vain for a button marked "Look, it's me, honestly, it can't be more than one digit out". They taught us the crucial truth that in the late 20th century, if you can't relate to a screen you are on the scrapheap of history.

It was hard to accept. Computers respond as no person, animal or device in the history of the world has ever responded before. You cannot reason with them, coax them or thump them. They are Vulcan invaders. And very recently landed: in 1972 I was a temp typist in an industrial training office, where we rattled out lists of trainees and made six carbon copies of the canteen menus, amid filing cabinets full of quaint mistypings about the Hongkong and Shanghai Banging Corporation. And whose name was over the door? IBM, no less. We were the heart of the computer industry; yet there was no suggestion of bleep or cursor in our placid typing-pool.

Computers were for specialists. And so they remained, until they became toys for the first generation of obsessives to programme their BBC Micros in the back bedroom; only very recently did the aliens invade the rest of us.

So even today, when every five-year-old insouciantly bangs away on keys with teddy-bear stickers on them, and ten-thumbed journalists carry laptop miracles already grimed with age and beer, dread of computers still runs deep. Tabloids thrive on stories about bills for £0.00p and "computer addiction" (the disease of children whose parents are too wet to say "switch it off"). Even in the most high-tech offices and reception desks you can still watch workers in denial: they peck nervously at a couple of keys, peer at the screen, and jerk back with both hands in the air going "Aaaaaaah!". But the computer is probably behaving no worse than the old filing cabinet did when you put the manila folder in crooked, and it spilled dockets down the wainscoting.

I claim no smug proficiency. Mrs Bird could testify to this: she being the motherly consultant who came last week to teach me my new grown-up computer. She clearly got my measure when she said, "Think of your hard disk as a big filing cabinet. You wouldn't just throw documents in all higgledy-piggledy, would you?", and I said yes, actually, I would.

Others who could bear witness against me are the two software experts, engineer and systems manager who have been attempting for five days now to steer me through the shoals of data-bits and parities, atx3 prompts and RS232s which are supposed to make these words fly down a telephone line at 2,400 bands per whatsit and land in the News International computer (Look, no hands). I am not good at this. All through last week's fuss about video games giving children fits, my son was decorously playing Super MarioLand while I jerked, foamed and sobbed in fury because yet another man had chided me for being in the wrong flow control mode or not resetting my emulations.

But at least I want to learn, and not to be afraid and angry and obsolete. Before my screen each night I shall murmur a prayer to St Robert de Barclaycash, author of the miracle of the midnight fivers a quarter of a century ago.

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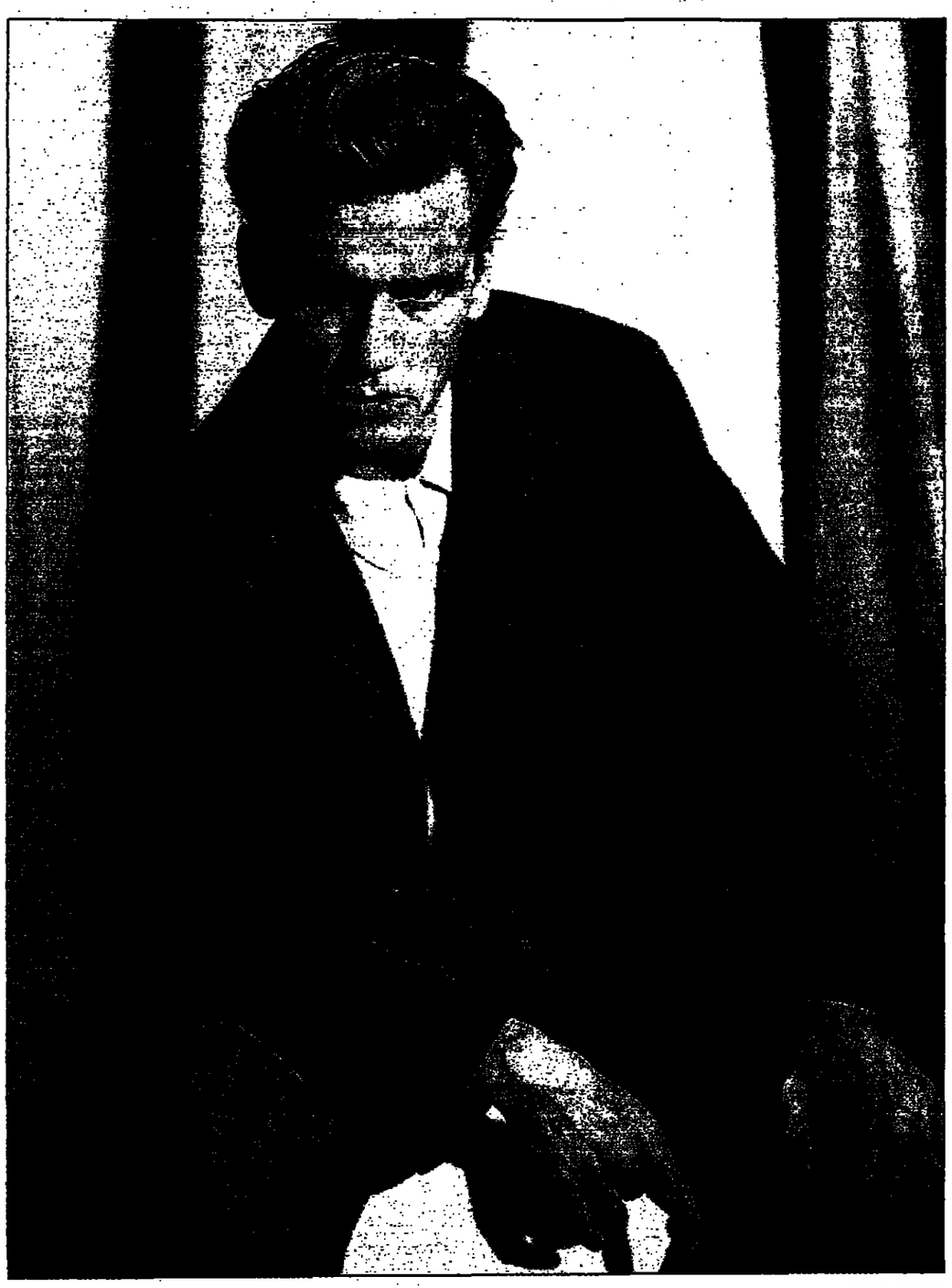
British men have taken a giant step — and discovered you can still walk tough in a primrose shirt



Above left: Suede jacket, £1,705; cotton knit polo shirt, £130; cotton trousers, £370; Yves Saint Laurent Rive Gauche, 135 New Bond Street, London W1, and 33 Sloane Street, London SW1

Above: Linen jacket, £238; cotton weave button-down shirt, £65; moleskin jeans, £69; suede shoes, £115; khaki socks, £12; all from Paul Smith, 41-44 Floral Street, London WC2 and 10 Byards Lane, Nottingham. Knitted tie, £39; Agnes B, 35-36 Floral Street, London WC2 and 111 Fulham Road, SW3

A man's a man for all this

Fashion

IAIN R. WEBB

Men have a hard time when it comes to fashion. There is the old, jokey image of the man who never changes his socks, let alone thinks to change his image. The macho type who would rather be dead than seen alive wearing anything which is "designed". There are still men (even in 1993), who believe that to be interested in fashion isn't manly. It smacks of something not quite right, something a little queer.

There appears to be a preconceived, in-bred idea that to wear, say, an acid-yellow jacket by Gianni Versace is akin to wrapping a pink chiffon scarf around your neck, and lacquering your nails. This, of course, is not the case. Just because the colour of your jacket may scream, it does not follow that you must, too. Sylvester Stallone is a big Versace fan, a really big fan. Enough said.

Comfort seems to be the key to men's fashion, especially for spring/summer 1993, but unfortunately if a man is uncomfortable with the idea of wearing good-looking, well-cut clothes just because they bear a fashionable label, then he will undoubtedly look uncomfortable wearing them, no matter how easy the style may be. It is this hurdle which must be surmounted, before any trying on of new clothes is possible.

However enigmatic the true British style may be, the resolute regard for convention, coupled with a seemingly unshakeable fear of change, keeps the British male monosyllabic in the language of clothes. It is an irony which does not go unnoticed. "We have a great influence abroad with our English conservative style," says Peter Howarth, the style director of the men's magazine *GQ*, "which the continentals love and have adopted, but they also feel free of rigid rules and are therefore able to ditch it when they want to. On the Continent we see much more mixing and matching — a chambray shirt worn with a knitted tie and sports jacket is now a standard abroad."

Nevertheless, there have been giant leaps forward in men's fashion over the past five years or so. In Britain there are now three highly successful magazines specifically targeting men. *Arena*, *GQ*, and *Esquire* all feature fashion for men, albeit alongside articles about fast cars, fast sports, and obligatory photo spreads of even faster women. Men's toiletries, not just shaving foam and underarm deodorants but facial grooming products, swamp the market. Young men who walk tough-looking dogs on giant Chanel-like chains wear powder pink and primrose yellow Fred Perry shirts, with matching cardigans. In 1993 there can be few men who have not heard the name Paul Smith, if only because he is a downright successful businessman.

These gigantic strides have been welcomed by designers who have championed the new look for the last few seasons, hoping to cajole men into moving away from the "Wall Street" uniform of the suit, collar and tie. In Italy, Giorgio Armani, Dolce & Gabanna, and Romeo Gigli have loosened the stereotype by taking collars off shirts completely, making trousers into drawstring pyjama pants, and crocheting sweaters which look as if they were once granny's blanket. Where designers tread, so the high street stores follow.

Finally, it is possible to say that there is little difference between the clothes shown on the designer catwalks, and what is selling in the shops. This is especially true of the newest soft-centred, unconstructed looks on offer this season. "Previously men have had to choose between awful sounding 'smart casuals', or real sportswear," says Nick Sullivan, the fashion director of *Esquire*. "The choice was either one way or the other. The softer look combines the best of both — comfortable but not sloppy. You can easily put the look together yourself, and because the look has been shown by influential designers for two or three seasons, the high street retailers are aware of it and are doing affordable versions. They are sophisticated basics — a step up from The Gap."

Naturally, the mood is best shown on the international catwalks, where designers present their collections on their own terms with their ideas undiluted.

The global mood for summer menswear is mellow; a general feeling for freedom, reflected with a softer, less uptight silhouette, combined with natural fabrication. Hot fabrics are linen, silk, cool wools, cottons, moleskin and suedes. Surface relief is achieved with sueded and brushed effects, and an abundance of "ecological" knitwear, in raw cotton and linen.

The desire for textural interest makes use of the combination of different fabrics in one outfit, sometimes in the same garment, as shown in the pictures here. "The abundance of softer and softer outfits has reached the point where men are eschewing the very idea of tailoring," Mr Howarth says. "Thus, designers like Nicole Farhi will put knitted sleeves on a jacket, and Paul Smith will use suede rather than worsted wool."

Suede fronted and linen-knit jacket, £259; check collarless shirt, £135; long sleeved rib T-shirt £39; linen trousers, £135, all from Nicole Farhi, 27 Hampstead High Street, Hampstead, London NW3; Zagger, 20 Baddow Road, Chelmsford, Essex, and Nicole Farhi branches nationwide.
Photographs: Tim Bret-Day. Grooming: Carol Brown. Hair: Terry Saxon for Michael Van Clarke

Continuing the theme, colour are drawn from a muted palette, inspired by the sky, the sea and the sand. These are shadowless tones evoking the new journey men's fashion is taking. The contemporary nomad is the hero of the men's collections, a character described by Mr Sullivan as a latter-day Robinson Crusoe, a discoverer making new worth of naturalness and nirvana, or combining cultures — crossing cowboy with biker. Colour exists, but it is pale by comparison with previous seasons.

As with the women's collections for spring/summer 1993, the prevailing trend for the neo-hippy offsets any thought of power dressing and showiness — much of the new season's fashions have about them an aged appearance of the antique, worn and used before. It is a look of rediscovery.

At its most basic, the ripple effect of this spirit should inspire men to update their day-to-day working wardrobe by at least wearing a less structured suit, introducing a knitted polo shirt, crew or polo neck sweater underneath instead of a shirt and tie, or favouring less formal fabrics for these traditional garments. It is possible to look smart in the office without strangling personal style.

On a more cerebral level, the need for such reappraisal should be part of our intrinsic make-up. Accepting such changes, even with something as supposedly facile as fashion, allows a man to grow, to mature, rather than staying put and fossilising in a grey suit. Unearthed in years to come, such fossils will surely be looked upon with curious interest, like the dinosaurs they really are.

Hard facts of aesthetic surgery

HOTLINE

IF you're considering a new look for the new year and have decided that surgery is the only answer it might be advisable to telephone the new 24-hour service, provided by the National Hospital for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, which offers detailed information on every aesthetic plastic surgery treatment routinely available. The service operates 30 information lines, charged at standard Telecom rates. The fully computerised service is part of the hospital's Patient Protection Campaign, aimed at explaining the facts and risks of surgery. Each phone line describes, step by step, what each procedure can achieve, what to expect, how long it takes, and what happens after surgery. It is cheaper than a consultation, but not for the squeamish. The Patient Protection Telephone Information Service: 0527 575123.

Alternatively, read Brian D'Amato's first novel *Beauty* (Grafton, £4.99), the story of Jamie Angelo, a man obsessed with perfection, who dreams of creating the ultimate female icon. A dark tale of radical surgery, set against the backdrop of glittering New York, which asks: how far would you go for beauty?

Knitwear copying case unravelled

MARION FOALE, the English hand knitwear designer, whose work sells worldwide, has just won an infringement of copyright case in France against a Parisian fashion house. Although all the legal preparation was undertaken in Britain the action could only be brought in France, under French law, because it would have been neccessary to have found inferior copies of her designs in this country to pursue the case here.

The essence of such an action for *contrefaçon* (infringement) is to stop the copying, which erodes designers' present and future markets, and affects their reputation. The case was won with the help of well documented evidence of originality, including the dates of every drawing, pattern, toile and press cutting — an example to all designers at risk from plagiarism.

Whiff of old England

SWAINE ADENEY, formerly Swaine Adeney Brigg, has just launched "Q", its first fragrance for men. It is a refined blend of mosses, woods, spices and citrus, "evocative of England's green and pleasant land" and in keeping with the country-cousins image of the store, which is famous for its equestrian accessories, whips, umbrellas and classic gentlemen's clothing.

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Matthew Parris

Do the politicians of the West understand the pure hypocrisy of their campaigns against coca-producers in South America?

Sipping a refreshing cup of coca-leaf tea in my cheap hotel in Sucre, southern Bolivia, I scan the front page of this morning's paper, *Correo del Sur* (January 6, 1993). A familiar name, misspelt, catches my eye. Good heavens!

"*Tristan Gacel-Jones, ministro de Estado del Reino Unido que arribó a la ciudad de La Paz para iniciar una visita oficial, propuso la conformación de un frente común para luchar contra el narcotráfico en Bolivia.*" (Mr Garel-Jones is in La Paz and has proposed a united front to combat drug trafficking.)

Well I never. Tristan and I are friends, but I never mentioned to him that I was backpacking in Bolivia over Christmas, and he never told me he was planning to visit, in grander style. Just think! Tristan in a suit and a black limousine — carrying out his Foreign Office duties before he leaves voluntarily for the back benches in a few months' time — as I in dirty jeans cling for dear life to the back of a lorry with 30 Indians. Perhaps he will come roaring past, and I shall wave?

Mind you, he'll need to rest first. He will be feeling sick. Flying straight in to a 12,000ft capital, the altitude hits you hard. He should try chewing a handful of coca leaves as the Indians do: it is by far the best cure for altitude sickness. As a serious cigarette smoker, the minister will find this far less addictive than the drug he knows already. A handy tip is to chew the leaves with a pinch of Royal baking powder, known here as "royal", and on sale everywhere.

Now that Toyota has sewn up the car market, baking powder is probably Britain's main export to Bolivia. Perhaps Tristan's new common front against drugs might start with an export-licence regime for bicarbonate of soda: but it wouldn't work. A roaring trade in forged end-use statements from fictional Bolivian cake-manufacturers would soon establish itself. A pity, that, for there's an appealing simplicity, a sort of joke, in Bolivia's selling coca exclusively to the West and using the foreign exchange to import exclusively from Japan.

The joke, you see, is that the value of the coca is the West's own creation. It's our prohibition on the stuff — Tristan's "united front" — which turns green leaves to gold. The plant grows well here, but so do potatoes, and nobody imports Bolivia's potatoes. Believe me, Tristan, the narco traffickers here need you and your united front.

How much of this does the minister know? All of it, I suspect, and more, and this worries me, for Garel-Jones is one of our most honest ministers. He knows politics is a worldly business and is inclined to say so, breaking the rules of the Anglo-Saxon game. In England a man parades only his principles, and strives secretly for ignoble ends. Garel-Jones trumpets his cynicism and works quietly for his principles. Like Chris Patten he hasn't the stomach for hypocrisy and so will never reach the top. Such men can't help winking, and the dim call them cynics, but it is through the wink, I believe, that the sane communicate.

I fear there is much winking for Tristan in La Paz, and to make matters worse he speaks Spanish fluently, so it will be harder to misunderstand. Where does the lie begin? Does Tristan know about the fields of coca over the mountains from La Paz? Does the ambassador know? Does the first secretary, the second secretary, the third secretary at the embassy know?

Have they been to the Sunday market in Chulumani where the gringo mafia come down from La Paz to buy the coca leaves? Will they take Tristan there? Will they explain that this (legal) market for these (legal) crops is only the visible tip of an industry as ineradicable here as alcohol?

> 'The joke, you see, is that the value of the coca is the West's own creation'

Will they take Tristan down the tin mines in Potisi — struggling against depressed world prices to stay in business — to see for himself that the men could not work in these atrocious conditions without the comfort of coca? Bother. There, then, goes Bolivia's second source of revenue, mining. Have you come, minister, with the foreign aid to bridge that unbridgeable gap in one of the world's poorest yet most wonderful countries? Do you bring ideas for the "replacement" crop nobody has yet thought of, or has the embassy residence rocked to the midnight laughter you have shared with his excellency as you joke together about the official proposals ... passion fruit! Hah! Humbug!

Has it struck you that there is with luck, just one way in which passion fruit as a substitute crop could command the price, and yield the income, Bolivia needs to survive? Let me tell you how it could be done. Ban passion fruit. Make it illegal in the West, declare it a prohibited substance. Then you might drive risk in the passion fruit industry so high, and therefore drive the rewards, too, so high, that the crop might bring Bolivia the return she desperately needs.

And will you please, Tristan, if I survive the lorries and you survive the small talk, and we meet again in London, oblige me with one of your winks?

The state will misuse any extension of its power over the press for unsavoury ends

The paparazzi are preferable

William Rees-Mogg

Elle claims to be "the world's biggest-selling fashion magazine". It is published by Hachette, but the English language edition is published in London. The leading feature in the January issue concerns the paparazzi who take intrusive photographs of the famous. The article includes a brief interview with David Montgomery, who was editor of the *News of the World* from 1985 to 1987 and is now the much-feared chief executive of Mirror Group Newspapers.

I have never met David Montgomery, but his reputation as the hard man of modern British journalism makes Kelvin MacKenzie, the editor of *The Sun*, seem like a cuddly old clergyman in a *Carry On* film. "The two biggest scoops we had on the *News of the World* were Princess Michael and Jeffrey Archer. In 1985, Princess Michael was known to have a friendship with a Texan, John Ward Hunt. He travelled extensively and when in London she would meet him at a flat in Eaton Square. We had been tipped off and staked out the place from our managing director's Daimler."

By the time one has finished David Montgomery's interview, and read the rest of the article, one's pulses are racing at the repeated examples of harassment, spying and invasion of privacy. That impression is confirmed by most of the pictures *Elle* reprints, some of which show ample nudity and large white bottoms.

Princess Diana looked perfectly charming swimming in the British ambassador's pool in Cairo, but there is something mildly comic about Giovanni Agnelli holding his nose as he jumps naked off his yacht in Nice. It is, however, at that point one begins to see the legal difficulties in the way of controlling the paparazzi, or David Montgomery for that matter. When Dr Agnelli jumped off his yacht — which looked much more old-fashioned, more like a real boat, than the yacht from which Robert Maxwell jumped, or was pushed — he was not on private premises, but in the open air a few feet above the Mediterranean. He was also outside the British jurisdiction.

In all, *Elle* publishes 29 pictures. Only two of them would meet the criteria presumably necessary to breach the law on intrusive photography which Sir David Calcutt seems to be proposing. The first is the picture of the Princess of Wales in a discreet swimming costume doing a relaxed dog paddle in the ambassador's pool in Cairo. There is nothing objectionable in this picture at all; it is no more than a pleasant holiday snap. But it was taken on private premises, from an adjoining high building, and the embassy grounds are technically British property. Whether a Calcutt law could be drafted so as to cover them is another matter.

The second picture which meets the three criteria of being unauthorised, taken on private property and in Britain, shows the Queen on a horse, looking distinctly irritable. "'You are very rude,' the Queen told royal photographer Jim Bennett," says the caption. One may well resent the intrusion into the Queen's privacy, but one would have to admit that pictures of the Queen on a horse are not a scarce commodity, and are not in any way scandalous.

Elle chose the 29 most sensational photographic invasions of privacy of the past 10 years. They show the Duchess of York pictures, they show the Teddy Kennedy sex picture — both Mediterranean. They could well cause, or have caused, distress and anger to those who were photographed. But all but two of them were taken either in public places or outside the British jurisdiction.

The other Calcutt proposal which is likely to be adopted is the prohibition of bugging a private conversation. Again there is a strong case for making electronic eavesdropping a criminal offence, where it is not so already. All citizens are entitled to the privacy of their conversations unless they are engaged in crime, just as they should be protected against the invasion of their privacy by intrusive photographers with telephoto lenses. Most bugging is indeed already illegal, yet a clearer law which made prosecution easier would be desirable. But who would be most likely to fall foul of such a law? Who does most of the bugging in Britain? Undoubtedly it is the state. Newspapers, as in the David Mellor case, have occasionally used improperly obtained transcripts of telephone conversations which have been taped by private enterprise. But the state intercepts communications on an industrial scale, and has been doing so since the second world war and earlier.

There is even reason to suspect state intrusion into the privacy of the Prince and Princess of Wales. In January 1989 somebody first recorded that conversation between Princess Diana and James Gilbey. In a period of four months, according to Anthony Holden writing in *Vanity Fair*, several other conversations were recorded, including the still largely unpublished one between the Prince of Wales and Camilla Parker Bowles, and another between the Duke and Duchess of York.

These tapes, at least the two Wales tapes, were relatively sensational. When sensational conversations can be leaked, it is natural to suppose that they are selected from a wider group. The tapers cannot have struck "Squidgy" or "Trousers" first time. In early 1989 someone, and almost certainly not Cyril Reenan, the 70-year-old retired bank manager of Abingdon, was systematically spying on the royal family. That someone subsequently used these taped conversations to damage the reputations of both the Prince and the Princess of Wales by leaking them to various competing newspapers.

The people doing the original taping are much more likely to be employees of the state security system, who would be able to do it with scientific skill, than anyone else. If a single newspaper had done it, that newspaper would presumably have been the sole beneficiary; the editor would not have delayed publication of such a scoop, gained with such difficulty, for three years; he certainly would not have leaked his scoop to his competitors.

Intelligence does have its tentacles in the media. When I was vice-chairman for the BBC, in the mid-1980s, we discovered to my horror that under second world war arrangements no fewer than 2,000 BBC posts were still being vetted by MI5. This was not known to the governors, and the numbers were then greatly reduced, theoretically to those posts with genuine security access. This had not even been an efficient operation; it relied largely on newspaper cuttings and in at least one case somebody was refused a post because she had the same name as another person who had committed some such offence as attending a communist peace conference.

My own fear would be that the 1989 taping of the royal family was done either by MI5 or by an MI5-related operative. The Peter Wright case showed that people in intelligence work can develop paranoid fantasies. Wright spied both on the prime minister, Harold Wilson, and on the head and deputy head of MI5, his own organisation. It is hard to control intelligence organisations because of the need for secrecy, but it is difficult to see who else could have taped the royal conversations so efficiently and on such a scale.

We should hope, therefore, that the protection which British citizens ought to have against intrusion and espionage, by whatever means, will cover intrusions into privacy by the state, from which there is much to fear, as well as by paparazzi and tabloid journalists. The state operates a powerful system to spy on communications. We know that it has spied on at least two prime ministers: perhaps it spies on all prime ministers. We know that in Peter Wright's time MI5 ran out of control and was spying on its own bosses. We know that it operated for at least 40 years a massive secret supervision of the BBC. It may well have been involved recently in the spying done on members of the royal family. It would be madness, in the name of the protection of privacy, to give the state wider powers to control the press.

Clinton points both ways

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

The message of the US election for Labour is ambiguous, says Peter Riddell

Only in America? Smith rethinks policies in the light of a victorious Clinton and a sceptical Kinnock

British politics has still not fully adjusted to the end of the Thatcher era. The certainties of those years have been replaced by uncertainties about the direction of policy, which explain the ferment of policy debate within both main parties over the weekend.

John Major met his Central Office advisers at Chequers and has a session today with the Downing Street policy unit to review ideas for the rest of the parliament. On the Labour side, the Plant committee discussed its report on electoral reform; advisers to Bill Clinton were in London evangelising; and the Fabians held a conference in Oxford on the future of the welfare state. Not even the most trendy Labour thinkers managed all three, but some took in two. And John Smith sought to show in a BBC interview that he had plenty of lively ideas.

It was, in short, a wonderful weekend for policy wonks — described by one American participant at the London conference as "nerds who think about policy issues all the time", or by one senior British minister as "earnest young men with bulging eyes and bow ties". All this activity can be dismissed merely as a diversion from the real meat of politics, the battles over the economy and the Maastricht treaty. Some of the second-tier Clinton advisers at the London meeting did sound complacent: what had looked so uncertain last summer was presented as a brilliant strategy always sure to succeed. Neil Kinnock looked on from the back of the hall, wondering wistfully about what might have been and irritated that anyone (John Prescott) might question the need for further modernisation by Labour.

The present Labour fracas about Clintonisation of the party is overdone because of differences of political system and values. The 500 union officials and party members gasped on Saturday when a television advertisement was shown proclaiming president-elect Clinton's support for capital punishment. But there are lessons from the 1992 campaign, both in presentation and policy-making.

These Labour discussions, and the Chequers meeting, are symptomatic of a wider search for a post-Thatcherite strategy. Admittedly, during the 1980s the coherence of policymaking was overstated. Margaret Thatcher's conviction style masked divisions and compromises. The battering ram could be made of rubber at times. Mr Major's more conciliatory and less ideological style has exaggerated the change since her departure. Many of Mr Major's aims are similar. But with him, the sort of tactical retreat not unknown in the 1980s looks a wholesale climbdown.

Hence, some of the allegations about Mr Major's lack of vision are unfair. The government is not short of ideas. Departments are actively implementing the election manifesto. But the sum looks less than the total of the parts. There is an apparent lack of coherence in view of Mr Major's admitted failure to spell out his vision. It is possible to construct a Major vision for Middle England — a classless society, defined as one without distinction between different workers; the citizen's charter, changing the accountability and responsiveness of public services; higher educational standards; as well as the extension of ownership.

There are, however, real doubts over economic strategy on levels of taxation and public spending and the balance of macro-economic policy. It is not just that the government is now tackling the trickiest areas of privatisation, such as British Coal and British Rail. In doubt is how far the market solutions of the 1980s remain relevant in view of calls for more spending on infrastructure and training. The Autumn Statement signalled a change, with the proposals on private finance for public projects. But does this amount to a shift towards more active government?

The Clinton victory was an ambiguous pointer. In one sense, voters said they believed that government must be part of the solution to underlying industrial, as much as social, problems. But the role of government is very different from the 1960s and 1970s. At Saturday's conference, Elaine Kamarck of the Progressive Policy Institute talked about the reciprocal obligations of those receiving government help. Her ideas included school choice; two years' national service in return for a college education; welfare reform requiring a commitment to work; and a strong military. It was a sign of how times have changed that these views were aired at a conference hosted by the transport workers. Union officials said the event showed their desire to have a social agenda and rule separate from Labour.

The terms of the public debate are still determined by the battles of the 1980s. On both sides of the Atlantic, policymakers accept that ordinary people will not pay more in tax and will not back social programmes which appear to perpetuate dependency and do not encourage people to work. Governments are seeking to work with the private sector and the markets. The challenge, as much for Mr Major as for president-elect Clinton and Mr Smith, is how to operate within these constraints.

Despite all the setbacks of recent months, the Tories still have the chance to retain their decade-long initiative over policy, provided — and it is a big proviso — they can pull together their ideas in a more coherent fashion and generate fresh policies for the welfare state.

Labour's task is harder. The party has to move beyond dropping unpopular policies and come to terms with a post-Thatcherite Britain. Labour should follow the example of the Tories in the 1970s, when they exploited disenchantment with the corporate state in policy statements such as *The Right Approach* and *The Right Approach to the Economy*. The Tories then appeared to be bubbling with ideas and helped to change the political mood. The Clinton campaign and its associated think-tanks did something of the same. Mr Smith yesterday gave one or two hints of new thinking via his references to constitutional reform and an altered role for social security. But he and his allies now have to be more adventurous. Policy wonks need not be boring.

Mayle on move

AFTER much speculation that Peter Mayle would relinquish his home in Provence for California — in effect, swap the favoured Côtes du Rhône for the grapes of the Napa valley — it now seems the author is house hunting once more. But, to the horror of the long suffering locals, Mayle is looking in the Lubéron valley, deep in the heart of Provence, and only miles from the home he at present shares with his second wife, Jennie.

Mayle is thought to be looking for a larger house and one less accessible to his legions of readers, who are apt to turn up unannounced. This news will not necessarily please others who live within a certain radius of Menerbes, the village Mayle immortalised with his first book, *A Year in Provence*.

"We had heard he would move and were, frankly, rather relieved," said one English inhabitant. "The flood of tourists that has arrived since he wrote his books has not been welcome."

This will doubtless not be improved when the BBC 12-part series based on the books, starring John Thaw, is screened in April. Many fear that Menerbes will become the Blackpool of the south of France. The television drama may leave serious visitors to the region somewhat mystified. The Menerbes of the mini-series is, in fact, neighbouring Bonnieux.

Mayle, who has been forced to change his telephone number to an ex-directory one as a result of his celebrity status, has apparently not been seen in Menerbes for months. It is alleged that he is unable to visit the local butcher and baker for fear of the cold shoulder.

A spokesman for his publisher, Hamish Hamilton, admits that Mayle is staying in Provence. "But I didn't know he was actively looking for another property." After *Toujours Provence*, one suspects Mayle may now be able to produce a plethora of further volumes along the same lines. *Encore Provence* or *A Decade in Provence*, perhaps?

DIARY

● *Norman Lamont and other politicians who seek safety in clichés may find their cover blown.* A Consumers' Guide to the Political Cliché *is being written by economist David Lazell. The green shoots of recovery he translates as "fungus growing on unpaid bills". Post industrial society is a "site where a factory once stood". An economic miracle is "everyone using all their credit cards at once".*

Happy eaters

A NOVEL pilot scheme is being launched this month to try to curb the latest motorway menace. But the project has nothing to do with dangerous drivers. The Department of Transport is putting up nesting boxes on signs and bridges along the M40 to try to tempt breeding pairs of kestrels on the lookout for an easy lunch. Voles are on the menu.

Such has been the success of attempts to improve the wildlife in motorway areas that there has been a big increase in the vole population. But the animals are busily chewing their way through the hundreds of new trees painstakingly planted by the transport department.

Jim Tilley, Forestry Commission Agency manager for the department, says: "We are happy to encourage wildlife but you have to keep things in balance. We would not dream of poisoning voles. We hope by attracting kestrels they can do the trick."

Birt's botch

AS John Birt unveils today his long-awaited shake-up of the BBC a less than flattering report of his first venture into television has been unearthed. The fleeting reference to Birt is tucked away in *Downstart*, the autobiography of Brian Inglis, writer and presenter of Granada Television's *All our Yesterdays* between 1962 and 1973.

"Of all the trainees I can remember only one made such a botch of a programme," he wrote in the book. "In the New Theatre pub afterwards I asserted we would hear no more of him. Nor did we at the time." But in 1988 he met the former trainee and teased him about the "cock-up" he had made. "John Birt could afford benignly to acknowledge it. By this time he was just about to become deputy director-general of the BBC."

Inglis, a prolific author, would never have guessed that Birt would reach such dizzy heights. "I forgot all about him. It was only in later years, when he became prominent, that I realised who he was. He must have improved a lot. We had a laugh when we met and reminded him. At least I think he thought it was funny."

● *Bridegroom Ben Gooder, featured in the society wedding pages of the latest issue of* Tatler, *admits his promising City career was cut short by a most unfortunate misunderstanding. On the basis of a telephone call he bought 500 "most expensive shares" for a client who, in fact, wanted 500 Marks & Spencer shares.*

Paper tiger

CAMBRIDGE University must be particularly pleased by the fact that Stefan Heym, eastern Germany's most famous dissident, has chosen to donate his extensive archive of writings to the library. It is, after all, a strange choice for Heym, who fled the Nazis in 1933, then went to America before returning to Germany in the 1950s. Why Cambridge and not a university in America or Germany? "He thinks it will be preserved intact and not be censored in any way here," says Dr Fred Ratcliffe, the librarian. And indeed he is right. Much of Heym's writings will be embarrassing to East and West alike.

● Parliament's leading husband and wife team, Virginia and Peter Bottomley, may be broken up by the next election. While Virginia looks poised for greater things, Peter's Eltham constituency is likely to disappear under Boundary Commission proposals. With ministers likely to be seeking new seats, the former roads minister could be heading for the wilderness.

● *Bill Clinton's commitment to cleaning up politics may have to start in America's kitchens. An outbreak of food poisoning has struck down staff working on his inauguration offices at the Washington Navy Yard. Up to 30 workers, who have been working 18-hour days in the run-up to the ceremony, were taken ill after a catered lunch of creamed chicken and beans at the building. Packed lunches are now the order of the day until the handover.*

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POWERLESS TO PROTECT

UN forces in Bosnia desperately need a clear political mandate

When the UN secretary-general visited Sarajevo at the New Year, protesters greeted him with banners appealing to the United Nations to stop protecting the city: it was dying of UN protection, they said. Friday night's assassination in Sarajevo of Bosnia's deputy prime minister, Hajika Turajlic, shows how modest that protest was. The killing will deepen scepticism in the city about the United Nations. The UN mission, entirely dependent on its credibility among local populations, is further, and gravely, compromised by this incident.

Mr Turajlic was in a UN armoured vehicle, under UN protection on a road theoretically controlled by the UN. His presence in the convoy should never have been revealed to the Serbs at the checkpoint. In opening the vehicle's door, the French troops were, on the kindest interpretation, extremely careless.

What should worry politicians is that the minister's murder was not merely the product of incompetence and panic. It underlines the impossible conditions under which all troops in Unprofor operate. The most unreasonable demands from armed brigands have to be handled by negotiation. Force can be used only in self-defence, narrowly defined by the UN and restrictively interpreted by the overall commander in Bosnia, General Philippe Morillon. UN soldiers cannot retaliate against Bosnian Serbs whose chosen method of war is to shell towns and cities from a distance.

This week, the cabinet is expected to decide to dispatch HMS Ark Royal and support ships to the Adriatic, and also to make available mortar-locating radar and 105mm guns to British forces in Bosnia. But this reinforcement is not what it might seem. The Ministry of Defence also sees the mission as essential to cover the possible withdrawal of British troops, should the UN finally decide to enforce the no-fly zone in Bosnia and the Serbs choose to retaliate against UN forces.

The British government, having marched its men to the top of the hill, has opposed UN enforcement action for fear that the humanitarian operation in Bosnia will be disrupted and that British troops will come under sustained fire. It is tempted to march them down again. The argument is that the use of force would court massive Serb retaliation.

Such logic has to be discredited. The Serbs have never played by the UN's rules. British troops have been under attack from the beginning from mortars and artillery, with neither the firepower nor the mandate to return fire. To the north of Sarajevo, British forces in and around Vitez daily witness the indiscriminate shelling of civilians. In Tomislavgrad, the British base is being targeted with impunity by Serb artillery.

Since the Bosnian Serbs would gladly have them out of the way, talk of withdrawal could make their position more hazardous. The men do not want to be evacuated; they do want to be able to get on with their task. They are ensuring that around 60 per cent of the aid gets through despite appalling weather conditions. The only way to improve on that rate would be to remove the barricades obstructing convoys.

Enforcement of the no-fly zone is militarily of minor significance. It would make sense only as part of a political decision to compel the respect of all Bosnian fighters for the UN mission. At present Unprofor is unable to live up to its name as a UN Protection Force. It is impotent either to act as a force, to protect individuals and communities under attack or to ensure order even in the areas where it operates.

The UN's rules of engagement need to be changed, but that alone is not enough. Slowly and unwillingly, the international community is being forced to the point when it must decide if it intends to protect Bosnia-Herzegovina. There can be no coherence to a military mission unsupported by a clear political mandate. Neither the French schemes to make Sarajevo an open, demilitarised city nor America's determination to enforce the no-fly zone do much more than express growing frustration and anxiety.

David Owen has come closer than any Western politician to the point. If this round of the talks in Geneva fails, he believes that the UN will have to impose a political settlement. That implies the grave decision to deploy a larger UN force, with the mandate to "enforce the peace by all available means". Political havering, by Britain and others, has brought that unpalatable choice closer. Half-measures have earned the UN the Serbs' contempt.

BLINDED BY COALDUST

Panic measures make poor energy policy

The government's handling of plans to close 31 pits has been botched at every stage. Now it seems to be considering a botched solution — a £10-a-ton subsidy for deep-mined coal, paid by a levy on electricity bills, which could save up to 13 of the mines earmarked for closure. The aim would be to give British Coal a five-year breathing space to cut its costs, so that it can compete with coal produced overseas.

In political terms the subsidy, which would cost some £700 million a year, is a small price to pay in order to kick the problem into the distance. Michael Heseltine so mishandled the closure announcement that his own backbenchers threatened rebellion and the miners found themselves cheered in the streets of Kensington. Ever since then the government has been searching for a way out. Just before Christmas the courts found that ministers were "unlawfully and irrationally" ignoring the rights of mineworkers. After that the government's advisers on energy entered a state little short of panic.

Desperate political remedies rarely make economic sense. More jobs will be lost because of higher electricity prices to industry than will be saved in the pits. British Coal, protected from the world market, will have less incentive to improve efficiency. Although the industry expects to slash costs to compete with American, Australian or South African coal, sceptics will say that is the way subsidies have always been justified by their recipients. As finally became clear in the Seventies, subsidies used to prop up inefficient industries do not make them more efficient.

For largely sentimental and historical reasons the price of coal has become a political question. The miners have come to symbolise stability, community and continuity: values more suitable for an advertisement for Hovis than a profitable modern industry. Whatever the government's rhetoric the subsidy will set back British Coal's privatisation; potential investors will worry that public pressure will always hinder commercial decisions. The taxpayer may feel generous about the idea of fostering the community spirit of remote pit villages. Hard-headed businessmen will not.

The miners, like pit ponies and canaries, are deemed to be part of our great industrial heritage. The market for energy in Britain is already grossly distorted by the nonsensical subsidy to nuclear generation and tax regulations that appear designed to hasten investment in gas-fired electricity generation. One day the British public will demand a rational and environmentally sustainable energy policy designed to give them both stability of supply and value for money.

ON THE EDGE

The Shetlanders have shown their best face before adversity

Islanders are different. For the past week the country has turned its attention on the inhabitants of the Shetlands as oil has violated their isolation and made them the lead item on the domestic news. They have come out of the media barrage well, as an example and parable for 20th century urban man.

These hard, pink-faced men and women in their Fairisle pullovers have been articulate and dignified in the gales of mass media attention. Undazzled by celebrity, and less sentimental than suburbanites, they have demonstrated their independence away on the world's rim, speaking up proudly for themselves, neither excited nor daunted by the fame of television trouble shooters.

Ever since Shetland was placed as Ultima Thule, or close to it, the civilised world has been fascinated by the harsh way of life of those who live up there. The first geographers recorded with a shudder the nipping cold and bitter storms. The Shetland ponies for which the islands are eponyms are as tough as the climate, bad tempered, and quite useless for children, because of the breadth of their backs.

The Shetland accent is subtly different from Scottish, as has been made evident on television, and the grammar is more Norse than Scottish. Up there they use gender-marked personal pronouns for weather, time and other natural phenomena, to say, for example "he was blowing a gale".

The vocabulary is distinct from other Scots dialects, with massive Nordic influence in place names and other words. The old roots stick out in the iron age Pictish towers called brochs, and in the Viking vocabulary in which *peerie* means small and *knorin* means boat. There are thousands of such Norn words that have nothing to do with Scottish, never mind English.

The northern islands became Scottish property only in the 15th century, as a pledge for the dowry of the Norweigan princess betrothed to James III. The Shetlanders themselves, having been colonised by Scottish lairds, would rather be run from London than Edinburgh, and are proud of their Viking roots. As for Europe, their connections go back before the Anglo-Saxons assimilated them.

And they are still not entirely assimilated. North Sea oil has given them Mercedes motorcars and changed their way of life. But the climate is still dreadful in winter, though in midsummer *The New Shetlander* can be read by natural light at midnight. He is a hard man who is not seasick in the waters where the *Braer's* engines failed.

Not many who were not born there would choose to live there. But Shetlanders do not need to lock their doors against burglars. They value education highly. They do not whinge with the self-pity that is the mainland Scottish vice. They are their own people, as they have to be in their lonely islands. No man is an island. But in the global village, there are still lessons to be learnt from those on the outskirts.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Duty-free alcohol 'over-generous'

From the Chief Executive of Mintel

Sir, The so-called "allowances" for personal importation of alcohol and tobacco where duty has been paid elsewhere in the EC are not of course allowances, but rather the level beyond which HM Customs and Excise are likely to query the quantity being imported for personal consumption. Nonetheless no one, as far as I know, has yet related these allowances to official UK consumption levels.

An allowance of 800 cigarettes is roughly equivalent to 40 days' average consumption per smoker. (Only 29 per cent of the adult population smokes.) The beer allowance of 110 litres is close to the annual average consumption per head of population (aged 15+) of some 130 litres and represents some 48 weeks' average consumption.

The spirit allowance of ten litres is exactly twice the average annual consumption of five litres per head and the wine allowance of 90 litres (or 120 bottles) is equivalent to over four years of per capita consumption.

Of course not everyone will use these allowances, since only 31 per cent of adults went abroad for a holiday in 1992 and even fewer by car or coach, but it has been reported in the press that Customs and Excise expect to lose up to £600 million in excise duty and VAT as a result of the relaxation.

Excise duty and VAT represent between 33 per cent and 76 per cent of the UK retail prices of alcohol and tobacco (depending on whether it is beer, wine, spirits or tobacco); so one must assume, if the Customs and Excise estimate is correct, that the British retail trade will lose at least £1 billion in turnover (and probably more) as a result, and that is potentially at least 8,000 jobs lost.

Presumably it will be principally the French retail trade and French government who will benefit conversely from these lost sales and related (but lower) tax.

Are the allowances for alcohol therefore unnecessarily generous?

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Passport control

From Ms Patricia Murtagh

Sir, Travelling from London to Brussels on January 6 I was greeted in Belgium by the usual army of immigration officers and, to my surprise, inspection of my passport was required.

Passing through the "EC only" channel on my return, a jaunty UK-style wave of my burgundy document did not suffice for the Belgian immigration officer, and again it was subjected to close inspection.

I was informed that Brussels, like Heathrow, is an international airport and it was necessary to prove I was a European. So much for our border-free Europe!

Yours faithfully,
PAT MURTAGH,
Flat 3, 10 Chester Way,
Kennington, SE11.
January 7.

From Dr Alan Patterson

Sir, On January 5 at Heathrow the BA staff refused to issue me a ticket to Paris on the 6.56 pm flight unless I produced my passport for inspection. My passport was checked twice thereafter before embarkation.

On my return the following night to terminal 4, I and other EC nationals were required to queue in two long lines before all our passports were examined diligently and we were permitted to enter the United Kingdom.

Yours faithfully,
A. PATTERSON
(General Manager),
Contax UK Ltd.,
121 Hartington Road, SW8.
January 7.

Behind the trappings

From Mrs Janet L. E. Holdeman

Sir, It seems that the Archbishop of Canterbury, long an advocate of certain female rights within the Anglican Church, must perforce also join their ranks in having their apparel criticised (letters, January 2) whilst their intelligence, ideas and gravitas remain concealed.

Three years ago, whilst in charge of chapel services at the Royal School, Bath, I assisted Dr Carey in an extremely speedy robing in our vestry. School paraphernalia stacked around the walls made space very limited, yet we managed to have the then bishop of Bath and Wells formally attired in only ten minutes.

On another occasion Dr Carey confirmed our girls in the chapel. He came down amongst them and spoke a delightful homily, straight from the heart. We did not see the robes then: we heard the message from within them.

Yours sincerely,
JANET L. E. HOLDEMAN,
Trafalgar,
21 Nelson Road,
Bognor Regis, West Sussex.
January 2.

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Actions to secure stricken tankers

From Captain J. H. Shone

Sir, In the House of Commons library there will be found copies of a report entitled *Christos Bitas — The Fight Against Pollution*. It will be noted that the first positive action after the breakdown of that oil tanker in October 1978, off the Welsh coast, was to land a senior officer on the stricken vessel to prevent the premature abandonment by the Greek master and crew.

That that officer was subsequently honoured by Her Majesty speaks for itself, and it is a great pity that this lesson has been ignored by subsequent rescue co-ordinators, including those involved in the present disaster in Shetland.

Also relevant are the results of an exercise carried out in the English Channel about ten years ago which involved a British 200,000-ton tanker and a French salvage tug. In that case the towing hawser was connected using only power available from the tug's winches and capstans: in other words a proper simulation of connecting a line to a stricken vessel.

This was achieved in conditions starting with a force-seven wind, increasing to severe gale nine. Significantly, fewer heavy seas were breaking over the fo'c'sle of the "stricken" vessel at the end because, with the increase of wave height, the ship was heaving sufficiently high to actually lessen the risk of injury to the crew members involved in connecting the towing hawser.

That exercise resulted in the International Maritime Organisation's assembly passing a resolution requiring all large tankers to be fitted with a standard towing connection both forward and aft to overcome any incompatibility of connecting equipment.

Most tankers used to be built with two main bunker tanks, two double-bottom bunker tanks, and two settling tanks (all one port and one starboard). The latter were specifically required to allow all impurities, including water, fresh or salt, to settle out and be drained off to the bilges or other waste oil tanks.

Subsequent international regulations required the provision of an emergency diesel generator with its own fuel supply.

Many will be extremely doubtful concerning the *Braer* radio officer's explanation that the loss of power was due to water in the fuel. Perhaps water entering all tanks on the weather side is just feasible; but all seven tanks will be difficult to accept.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. SHONE
(Deputy Surveyor General, 1982-7),
Bracken Lodge, Brookside Close,
Runcton, Chichester, West Sussex.
January 7.

Visitors from abroad

From the Reverend David Haslam

Sir, On January 11 the Asylum and Immigration Appeals Bill is due to reach its report stage in the House of Commons, before proceeding to the House of Lords later this month. The Bill contains a particularly unfortunate proposal which, if accepted, will contravene the principles of natural justice on which any legal system ought to rest.

Clause 9 removes the right of appeal currently available to people whose application to visit this country, or take a short study course, has been refused.

At present, of those appeals where representation is made by a sponsor of a would-be visitor at this end, nearly 20 per cent are successful. Where representation is made by the UK Immigrants Advisory Service, over the last five years the success rate for visitors has been over 40 per cent, and for students over 30 per cent. This suggests that the safety net of an appeal system should not be removed.

If there is no right of appeal, entry clearance officers (ECOs) in British embassies and high commissions in visa countries may be tempted to take a tougher line on visitors and students. ECOs are already protected from the race relations legislation under which most services have to operate; under the proposal in this Bill no redress would be left for the victim of an inaccurate determination.

In the House of Commons committee on the Bill on December 8 the minister for immigration affairs suggested that a fuller statement of the reasons for refusal would suffice, with an opportunity for a second "without prejudice" application to follow, to be assessed by a new ECO.

This, however, is in no way equivalent to an appeal system, overseen by an independent adjudicator, with a right of representation for the appellant, in neutral circumstances far away from the pressures of entry clearance offices in Dhaka or Lagos.

It is to be hoped that, if not at the report stage, then in the Lords, the government will think again, and clause 9 will be withdrawn.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID HASLAM (Chair),
United Kingdom Immigrants Advisory Service,
3rd Floor,
County House,
190 Great Dover Street, SE1.
January 5.

Architects' records

From Mr Lesslie K. Watson

Sir, Eleven years ago I was forced to close my office in London for lack of work during one of the periodical hiccups in the construction industry, and I had to dispose of drawings — as so well described by Ray Clancy (report, December 29).

First I offered a complete set to those former clients who were still occupying their buildings, for £500, which included the copyright.

Some took this up and two found they had made a good bargain when they extended their buildings: original drawings are best kept with the building for which they were prepared — especially if it was listed, built before the days of building regulations or is about to be pulled down.

I believe that once drawings have been consigned to the dustman, ownership lapses: Sir Edward Maufe (1883-1974) found that an astute dustman had flogged a complete set of old documents to an American university for a considerable price.

The Scottish initiative which you report is not new. The late Sir John Summerson initiated the National Buildings Record during the second world war and the British Architectural Library has long collected representative drawings.

Some years ago I passed on one to them which I could not bear to throw away and later, to my astonishment, found it on exhibition there.

Yours faithfully,
LESSLIE K. WATSON,
Silver Birches,
West Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

Media curbs

From Mr Freddy Kosten

Sir, To curb "excessive behaviour by some of us", whilst allowing journalists "to report as accurately as possible on what's going on", the chairman of the Association of British Editors (letter, December 23) advocates reliance on the relevant code of practice.

Far stronger sanctions already exist, since such "excesses" could breach the Data Protection Act's first principle, which seeks to ensure "fair obtaining" and "fair processing" of personal data.

Furthermore, accurate reporting is covered by the fifth principle: if complaints on these grounds are made to the data protection registrar, a breach of any subsequent "enforcement notice" issued by him could constitute a criminal offence.

Surely it would be preferable to use existing legislation before any new regulatory body (e.g., as in Clive Soley's Bill) is established, or a privacy law is introduced? And does the editor of the *Hampstead & Highgate Express* (letter, December 23) believe the Data Protection Act does not already contain "controls on electronically gathered information"?

Yours faithfully,
FREDDY KOSTEN
(Information Protection Consultant),
Hoskyns Group plc,
City House, 190 City Road, EC1.
January 5.

Childhood past

From Mr R. Butterworth

Sir, Mr P. M. Gilmore (letter, January 1) describes his village boyhood upbringing in the 1920s. He can count himself fortunate in his rural environment. Let me compare it with my own of the same period.

My boyhood was spent in a cotton town a few miles north of Manchester amidst the unrelieved monotony of rows of shabby, terraced houses and cotton mills. When the factories were working the chimneys would spew out their sulphuric smoke, corroding the lungs, blackening the houses and shortening the human life span.

Yes we had mains water — one cold tap in the kitchen. We also had mains gas laid on; but with a father on the dole, one room only was generally lit. Going to bed was illuminated with a wax "night light" or a candle or nothing. Not for us the harvesting, the winnowing and the guns in the field to shoot the rabbits. The nearest countryside was the Pennines, bleak and forbidding in the cold winters.

Yet we triumphed over this most unappealing upbringing. As children our lives revolved around the churches (in my case Methodist). There were the Life Boys and the Boys Brigade where on parade days we proudly followed the bugle band as it led us over the stone set roads around the endless rows of terraced houses, to lighten the gloom. We had the Whitsuntide processions, Rose Queen Day and Sunday school outings, all served by a band of dedicated teachers and helpers.

We learned how to survive and amuse ourselves with few material assets. A natural vitality came from defying deprivation. Thankfully those days have gone, but some unique human qualities seem to have vanished with them.

Yours faithfully,
R. BUTTERWORTH,
The Maydown, Oaks Road,
Great Glen, Leicestershire.

Uncertainty over Maxwell pensions

From Sir John Cuckney, Chairman of the Maxwell Pensioners Trust

Sir, Six months ago (July 18, 1992) you were kind enough to publish a letter from me when I launched the appeal for funds to provide relief for the Maxwell pensioners. Your readers might now be interested to know what progress has been made.

The fund has reached £6 million — an encouraging response to the initial appeal and providing a short-term relief fund. I would like to thank those who have contributed, who range from individual pensioners, the chairman of a public company who made a personal donation but whose board did not wish to contribute, partners of firms of solicitors and major firms of accountants to multi-national companies and a few (mostly overseas-owned) banks.

All donations, large and small, are valued immensely. While some sectors have responded better than others, there is no sector unrepresented amongst the contributors.

The present position is that there is no one without a pension. This is due in part to the repayable grant made available by the government to the pension schemes and in part to the action of the trust in restoring payments to *ex gratia* pensioners.

However, even with this help, pension fund trustees are already having to make hard decisions; some annual increases are not being paid and most of the newly retired are unable to take lump sums. And the position will deteriorate as more members of the scheme qualify for pensions, unless the funds themselves can receive substantial replenishment.

What concerns me most is that there remains for all pensioners great uncertainty and therefore much anxiety about the future. For how long will their pensions continue to be paid? It would be shameful if this worrying aspect of the Maxwell pension affair is forgotten.

The trust fund can help, but the most important factor will be how successful High Court liquidators, trustees and others are in retrieving funds speedily. Sometimes this will require recourse to the courts but my hope is that alternative quicker and less costly routes will be possible.

The Maxwell Pensioners Trust and the Maxwell Pensions Unit of the Department of Social Security are currently helping over this problem and are willing to do more. In this area we are currently greatly benefiting from the mediation services of a retired High Court judge. Speed is not only of merit for itself: it would also help to reduce administrative costs and thereby result in a greater net return of money to the pension funds.

I do sincerely hope that all concerned will find a common interest in trying to secure an outcome within the next six months which will give the pensioners confidence that their pensions will be secure in the longer term. Their present mental anguish must not be allowed to continue.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN CUCKNEY,
Chairman, The Maxwell Pensioners Trust,
PO Box 14,
London SW1Y 4TJ
January 8.

A ban on brackets?

From Mr David Rabson

Sir, Mr Robinson (letter, January 5) is fortunate to have tripped over brackets in *The Times* only. The numerous volumes of Talmudic and rabbinic literature contain *two* varieties of parentheses. Round brackets indicate words of the original text that are to be omitted in the reading, whereas square brackets are for words subsequently introduced so that the integrity of the original is preserved.

Yours (sincerely) [faithfully],
DAVID RABSON,
17 Garrick Avenue, NW11.

Lucky for some

From Mr J. E. Hok

Sir, I must be the luckiest man alive! Today I received not one, not two, but three unsolicited invitations to enter a competition. It turns out that not only am I one of the lucky 14 per cent selected in this area, but also one of the lucky 11 per cent and even one of the lucky 1 per cent.

Whilst my cup runneth over, and at this rate I must surely win, I just wonder what sort of a world the junk mail promoters live in: "Just think how many people may be watching their letterboxes in vain ..." runs the encouraging script.

Can you imagine the scene? The unbounden joy of the happy householder as yet another piece of unsolicited mail thuds onto the doormat, to add to the junk mail mountain. My heart goes out to the unlucky 86 per cent, the 89 per cent, and the 99 per cent. That they should be so lucky.

Yours faithfully,
JONNIE HOK,
Middle Old Park,
Nr Farnham, Surrey.
January 4.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM

January 10: Divine Service was held in Sandringham Parish Church this morning.

The Bishop of Edinburgh preached the Sermon.

Her Majesty presented The Queen's Gold Medal for Academic Excellence at King Edward VII High School, King's Lynn, to Mr Paul Rendell, who was introduced into Her Majesty's presence by Mr M.J. Walker, the Headmaster.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

January 10: The Prince Edward today attended the final of the British Professional Real Tennis Doubles and afterwards presented the prizes at The Queen's Club, Palliser Road, London W14.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

January 10: The Princess Royal, Patron, National Association of Victims Support Schemes, accompanied by Commander Timothy Laurence, RN, this evening attended a Charity Performance of the Bolshoi Ballet at the Royal Albert Hall, London SW7.

Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam was in attendance.

Royal Ascot

Her Majesty's Representative at Ascot wishes to announce that there will again be a limited number of Royal Enclosure vouchers available for new applicants for Friday, June 18 only of the Royal Meeting.

New applicants wishing to apply for these vouchers should write to Her Majesty's Representative, the Ascot Office, St James's Palace, London, SW1A 1BP, before March 31, stating the full names of those members of their family who require vouchers, together with their ages if between 16 and 25 years. Sponsorship forms will then be sent which should be signed by a sponsor, who has been present in the Royal Enclosure for at least eight years. A ballot will be held and all new applicants will be notified of the result by mid May.

Those applicants who were unsuccessful in previous ballots will again be required to submit their applications in writing, and will be subject to the 1993 ballot, but the signature of a sponsor will not be necessary.

Previous holders of Royal Enclosure vouchers should apply in writing in the usual way before the end of April, stating their full names and ages if between 16 and 25 years. In addition they may also apply for their children aged between 16 and 25 years, who have not been granted Royal Enclosure vouchers previously. They will require a sponsor who has been present in the Royal Enclosure for eight years. Vouchers if granted, will be valid for the Friday only of the Royal Meeting and should be applied for before March 31.

In the enclosure ladies will wear formal day dress with hat which must cover the crown of the head. Gentlemen will wear morning dress with top hat, or service dress.

Dinner

Medical Officers of Schools Association

Dr A.W. Galbraith, President of the Medical Officers of Schools Association, presided at the annual dinner held on Saturday at Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine.

Mr I. Horsbrugh, Principal of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, also spoke.

Birthdays today

The Right Rev J.A. Baker, Bishop of Salisbury, 65; Sir Alan Bowness, former director, Tate Gallery, 65; Sir Robin Catford, civil servant, 70; Mr Henry Cecil, racehorse trainer, and Mr David Cecil, racehorse breeder, 50; Mr Jason Connery, actor, 30; Mr Neville Duke, former test pilot, 71; Air Marshal Sir Reginald Emson, 81; Mr A.A. Gray, former chairman, Wellcome Foundation, 81; Lord Jacques, 88; Sir Alastair Morton, British chairman, Eurotunnel, 55; Lord Newton, 43; Sir Anthony Nutting, former MP, 73; Mr Jim Perris, governor, Wormwood Scrubs, 51; Mr J. Rashleigh Belcher, thoracic surgeon, 76; Mr Bryan Robson, footballer, 36; Air Chief Marshal Sir John Rogers, 65; Mr Arthur Scargill, trades unionist, 55; Mr John Sessions, actor and comedian, 40; Air Commodore Joy Tamblin, former director, WRAF, 67; Mr R.C. Tress, former master, Birkbeck College, 78.

Party

Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained children connected with the City, the livery companies, the armed forces and London boroughs at a fancy dress party held on Saturday at Guildhall.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Alan Ball, Assistant Curate, (NSM), St Paul, Hamstead (Birmingham): to retire as from January 24, 1992.

The Rev Helen Dotson, Curate, Christ Church, Herne Bay (Canterbury): to retire as from January 3, 1993.

The Rev Canon Rex Hack, Vicar, Bramhall (Chester), to retire as from February 28, 1993.

The Rev Peter Hewitt, Vicar, All Saints, Godshill w St Alban, Ventnor, Isle of Wight (Portsmouth): to resign as from February 28, 1993.

The Rev Robert Swallow, Team Vicar for Education, Holy Trinity w St Columba, Fareham (Portsmouth): resigned as from November 17.

The Rev Ronald Worsley, Vicar, Eastham (Chester): to retire as from July 31, 1993.

Scottish Episcopal Church

Diocese of Edinburgh

The Rev Dr Kevin Francis Scott, Rector of St Peter's Musselburgh and Priest in Charge of St Andrew's Prestonpans, to be Rector of St Philip's and St James', Edinburgh from January 14.

School announcements

Aiglon College, Switzerland

Term began on January 6. School guardians are Nathalie McIntyre and Rahul Advani: captain of girls' skiing Carlotta Callieri-Zavanelli and captain of boys' skiing Cedric Notz. A French language production of Anouilh's *Colombe*, will be performed at Parents' Weekend on February 19. The annual reunion of the Eagle Association will take place in London on February 25, followed by a reception at the Royal Automobile Club for interested parents on February 26. For information about the latter please contact the school.

Blundell's

The Spring Term began on January 10 and ends on March 27. The Confirmation Service will be conducted by the Bishop of Exeter on Sunday, January 31. The Russell will be run on Saturday, March 13. Mr and Mrs A.H. Barlow will succeed Mr and Mrs B. Wood as House Parents of Gorton House in September 1993, when girls will be admitted from the age of 13.

Brentwood School

The Lent Term begins today. The Entrance Examination to the Main and Preparatory Schools takes place on January 23. Half-term is from February 12 until February 22. Sir Hardy Amies (OB) will lecture on "The English Suit" (in aid of the Appeal) on Wednesday, March 3. The School Orchestral Concert will be held in the Memorial Hall on March 5. The Junior School Play *Calamity Jane* will be performed in the Memorial Hall from Thursday, March 18, until Saturday, March 20. The Middle School Play *Sacrifice* will be performed in the Dame Coker Hall on Wednesday, March 24. Term ends on March 26, when the Society of Old Brentwoods Annual Dinner will be held.

Bromsgrove School

School convenes today for the Lent Term. The School, founded in 1553, was re-endowed in 1693 by Sir Thomas Cookes. This year is therefore the Tercentenary of the Re-endowment. Details of special Tercentenary events may be obtained from the Registrar at the School. Open Mornings are on January 23 for 7+ to 12+ entry to the Lower School, January 30 for 13+ entry and February 6 for 6th Form entry. The Choral Society will perform *Messiah* in the Memorial Chapel on March 12. Term ends after the Careers Fair on March 17.

Casterton School

The Easter Term at Casterton School begins today. Entrance Examinations will take place on January 23 and 30 and February 6, 1993. The School production of *The Boyfriend* will be performed at the school on March 11, 12 and 13, 1993.

Chetham's School of Music

The Spring Term begins on Monday, January 11. Building work at the School has begun on two new boarding houses. Chetham's Symphony Orchestra Concert will be held at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester on Tuesday, February 16 and on the following day the Orchestra will record the two piano concertos of Ronald Stevenson, with Murray McLachlan as soloist. Founder's Day is Friday, April 2.

Cobham Hall

The Spring Term begins today. Katherine Kotting continues as The Guardian. The Confirmation Service will be conducted by the Lord Bishop of Rochester at Rochester Cathedral on Friday, March 5. The School Play will be performed on Saturday, March 27.

Forest School

The Lent term begins today. Julius Sidwell and Nadia Florides continue as Head Boy and Head Girl. There will be a Service of Confirmation taken by the Bishop of Barking on March 21. Term finishes on March 26.

Malvern College

The Lent Term at Malvern College begins today. Anthony Foster continues as Senior Chapel Prefect and Inga Smith (Head Girl) and Ben Walker as Junior Chapel Prefects. Half Term is from February 20 to 23. The School Play, Bertolt Brecht's *The Good Person of Sichuan*, will be performed in the Malvern Festival Theatre on February 4, 5 and 6, at 8.00pm. The 13+ Scholarship examinations will be held as follows: Music from February 1 to 3, Art on February 28 and Academic from March 1 to 3. Scholarship examinations will be held for Sixth Form entrants on February 26 and 27. The Lower Sixth will spend the week beginning February 15 away from the College on Work Experience. The Ledbury Run takes place on March 10. The Technology Centre will be opened on March 13 by the Right Hon Lord Weatherill. The Combined Choral Societies of the College and Malvern Girls' College will perform Fauré's *Requiem* and Haydn's *Nelson Mass* in the Winter Gardens on Friday, March 19. Term ends on March 20.

Marlborough College

The Lent Term at Marlborough College begins today, the first term of the College's 150th anniversary year. Mrs Anne Hallam (English) and Mr David Orr (Classics and RE) join the teaching staff. Charles Tuke-Hastings (Barton Hill) becomes Senior Prefect, Nicholas Brown (Cotton House) Captain of School, Nicola Whittle (Morris House) Captain of Lacrosse and Vanessa Buckley-Sharp (Summerfield) Captain of Netball. Confirmation by the Right Rev John Bickersteth will be on Sunday, February 28. Club Day will be on Sunday, March 7, when the Penny Reading will be a performance of *Guys and Dolls*. The 150th anniversary Choral Concert on March 14, will be a performance of Handel's *Messiah*. Exeat is from February 12 to 16 and the term ends on March 19. Forthcoming events in celebration of the 150th anniversary include a gala ball at the College on July 10 and a Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral on October 1. For full details of these and other events of 1993 Old Marlburians are asked to contact the Secretary of the Marlburian Club, Mr Robert Smith, at the College.

Moira House, Eastbourne

Easter Term at Moira House begins today and ends on March 20. Sarah Hobbs and Alex Hawkins continue as School Knights. The Ingham Scholarship examinations for entry into the Junior School and the Senior School will be held on January 22 and 23. Full details are available from the Headmaster's Secretary. On Thursday, March 4 we are the host for the first Eastbourne Schools' Shakespeare Festival sponsored by the International Shakespeare Globe Centre for pupils aged 11-16. The Middle School play *Peter Pan* by J.M. Barrie will be performed on March 12 and 13. Old Girls' Day is Sunday, March 14 from noon and all Old Girls and their families are invited to the school for lunch, followed by the Association Hockey Tournament. The term concludes with the School Confirmation service at All Saints' on Tuesday, March 16, to which we welcome the new Bishop of Lewes.

Moulsford Preparatory School

The Spring Term begins at Moulsford Preparatory School today. The conversion of Low Nook has been completed and four new classrooms, together with an Art and Pottery complex, are ready for occupation. Oliver Thornton is head boy, Thomas Wigley, captain of rugby football and Oliver Thornton, captain of sevens. David Bell is leader of the orchestra and Benjamin Gordon is head chorister. The School play will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20. Tickets available from the School. Term ends on Thursday, March 25.

Oakham School

Spring Term at Oakham School begins today. The Trustees are pleased to announce that the Headmaster, Mr Graham Smallbone, has accepted their invitation to remain in office when his formal tenure expires in 1994. Academic Scholarship Examinations for 13+ entry will be held on February 15 and 16.

The Oratory School

Lent Term begins today. K.S. Price continues as School Captain. Captain of Soccer is R.W. Atkins. Half-term will be from February 13 to 17. Confirmation will be on March 6. Term ends on March 21.

Pipers Corner School, High Wycombe

The Spring term begins today at Pipers Corner School with 360 pupils. Sixth Form Scholarship examinations will take place on Monday and Tuesday, January 25 and 26. Entrance tests for 11+ and 12+ entry will be held on Saturday, January 30 in the Main School.

Royal Grammar School, Guildford

Lent term at the Royal Grammar School, Guildford began on January 7 and ends on April 1. The Entrance Examination for boys wishing to enter the First form at age 11 in September 1993 is on January 16. There will be a performance of *Carmina Burana* in Guildford Civic Hall on March 13. The annual dinner of the Old Guildfordians' Association will be on April 2. For OGs who left the school between 1980 and 1984 there will be a reunion supper party on January 29; details of this are available from the school office (0483 502424).

Saint Felix School, Southwold, Suffolk

The Spring Term begins today. The Hess Music Scholarship Auditions will take place on January 28 (details from the Registrar). There will be performances of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* on February 25, 26 and 27. The Confirmation Service, conducted by the Bishop of Dunwich, will take place in the School Chapel at 2.30pm on March 5. Term ends on March 27.

St Edmund's College, Ware, Hertfordshire

Term commences today and ends on Sunday, March 28. Mr Michael McEvoy takes up his appointment as Bursar and Clerk to the Governors. The Entrance and Scholarship Examination will be held on January 30, 1993. The annual Musical in the Junior School will be *Sweeney Todd*, March 18-20. The tenth annual Half-Marathon will be Sunday, March 21, and the Ceremonial Parade of the CCF on March 24, 1993. The Gamekeeper and Countryman Fair will be April 3-4.

S. Michaels Burton Park

Lent term begins today at S. Michaels Burton Park, Petworth. The Chapel Choir sing Evensong at Chichester Cathedral on March 24. The open afternoon for prospective pupils and their parents is on Friday, February 5 at 1.30pm. Work starts today on the refurbishment of Lewes Lodge as a second Sixth Form house. Interviews will be held this term for a new Sixth Form scholarship to mark this event and for one major award at 11+ and lesser awards for Art and Drama.

Wellingborough School

The Lent Term at Wellingborough School begins today and ends on March 26. The annual Civic Service with the Mayor and Councillors will be on Sunday, January 31, in Chapel, and the Confirmation Service, conducted by the Bishop of Brixworth, will be on Saturday, March 13, at 3pm. Brecht's *The Good Person of Sichuan* will be performed on March 18-20, and plans are now confirmed that the school production of *My Fair Lady* in March 1994 will be taken to Maryland, USA for performances in the Easter holidays. The London OW dinner will be held at Lord's on Thursday, March 11. Mr F.R. Ullmann, currently Headmaster of Ruthin School, Clwyd, has been appointed Headmaster of Wellingborough School from September 1993 following the retirement of Mr G. Garrett after 20 years service.

Wycliffe College, Gloucestershire

The Spring Term began yesterday and will end on Wednesday, March 31. Confirmation will take place in the Chapel on Sunday, March 7. Performances of *On the Razzle* by Tom Stoppard will be given in the Sibley Hall on March 25, 26 and 27. The Headmaster, Anthony Millard, will be visiting the United States, Singapore and Hong Kong in February. Any Old Wycliffians or prospective parents who would like to meet him are asked to contact his secretary Tel: 0453 822432; fax: 0453 827634.

University news

University College London

New Fellows and Honorary Fellows

Fellows: Dr Eustace Beck, Professor Peter Birks, Professor Li Chen, Professor Robin Clark, Professor Philip Cohen, Dr John Foreman, Patrick Heron, Professor Louise Johnson, Professor Kenneth Pounds, Sir Rodney Sweetnam, Professor Antony Thomas, Professor Anne Warner.

Honorary fellows: Dr Manfred Altman, Mr Rikiji Godai, Sir Robin Ibbs, Dr Anne McLaren, Professor Nicholas Mitchison, Dr Bridget Ogilvie.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr J. Alper and Mrs C. Smith

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of Mr and the late Mrs H. Alper, of Johannesburg, South Africa, and Catherine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W.O. Murphy, of Dundee, Scotland.

Mr J. Callow and Miss F.C. Mann

The engagement is announced between Julian, son of the late Mr Maurice Callow and of Mrs Rhoda Callow, of Adderbury, Oxfordshire, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles V. Mann, of Old Alresford, Hampshire.

Mr T. Connolly and Miss B.L. Arthur

The engagement is announced between Tim, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Connolly, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Beverley, elder daughter of Mrs Gwenda Wilkie and stepdaughter of Mr Ian Wilkie, of Gravesend, Kent.

Mr M.M. Cresswell-Turner and Miss F.C. Millo

The engagement is announced between Miles, second son of Mr John Cresswell-Turner and Mrs Peter Durlacher, and Fusca, younger daughter of Señor and Señora Lorenzo Millo, of Valencia.

Mr N.J. D'Arcy and Miss Z. Ilic

The engagement is announced between Nicholas Joseph, son of Mr and Mrs R.J.J. D'Arcy, of Winstanley, Lancashire, and Zorka, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Ilic, of Bedford.

Mr S.P. Fisher and Miss N.J. Philp

The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs Pringle Fisher, and Nicola, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Philp, both of Edinburgh.

Mr M.H. Gracey and Miss L.C. Kratt

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs H. Gracey, of Guildford, and Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs K.M. Kratt, of East Horsley, Surrey.

Mr W.G. Mennell and Miss A.E. Drummond

The engagement is announced between William George Mennell and Alexandra Elspeth Drummond, both of Oxford.

Mr W.D. John and Miss A.A. Proctor

The engagement is announced between William David, son of Mrs Janet John and the late Mr David John, of Clevedon, Avon, and Amanda Alexandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Proctor of Sedbury, Woking, Surrey.

Mr A.M. Jones and Miss J. Nicholls

The engagement is announced between Matthew, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Jones, of The Gables, Hyde Road, Great Waltham, Essex, and Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Nicholls, of Croy, Shandon, Dunbartonshire.

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Captain M.C. Page, RM, and Miss R.L. Fielding

The engagement is announced between Michael Christian, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Page, and Rachel Louise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Fielding, both of Norwich.

Dr M.J.O. Taylor and Miss A.H. Finbow

The engagement is announced between Myles, son of Dr and Mrs G.J. Taylor, of Quarndon, Derbyshire, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs K.M.J. Finbow, of Guildford, Surrey.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Il Parmigianino, painter, Parma, Italy, 1503; Sir Charles Hastings, physician, founder of the British Medical Association, Ludlow, 1794; Sir John Macdonald, prime minister of Canada 1867-73 and 1878-91, Glasgow, 1815; William James, psychologist, New York, 1842; George Curzon, Marquess Curzon of Kedleston, Viceroy of India 1898-1905, Kedleston Hall, Derbyshire, 1859; Harry Gordon Selfridge, founder of the London store, Wisconsin, 1864; Alan Stewart Paton, writer, Pietermaritzburg, 1903.

DEATHS: Pedro de Mendoza, explorer and founder of Buenos Aires, Guadalajara, 1495; Sir Hans Sloane, physician and collector, London, 1753; Louis François Roubiliac, sculptor, London, 1762; Domenico Cimarosa, composer, Venice, 1801; Friedrich von Schlegel, philosopher and historian, Dresden, 1829; Francis Scott Key, poet, Baltimore, 1843; Georges Eugène Haussmann, architect who replanned Paris, Paris, 1891; Thomas Hardy, novelist and poet, Dorchester, 1928; Hugh Gaitskell, leader of the Labour Party 1955-63, London, 1963; Alberto Giacometti, sculptor, Chur, Switzerland, 1966; Padraic Colum, poet, Enfield, Connecticut, 1972.

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BIRTHS

ATTWOOD - On January 2nd at The Portland Hospital, to Jennifer (née Ash) and Kai, a daughter, Georgia Zoë, a sister for Olivia Jade.

BOURNAT - On January 6th 1993, to Alison (née Masters) and Nicholas a son Alexander Michael.

CROOK - On January 5th to Helen (née Gabathuler) and Timothy, a daughter, Jennifer Rachel.

KOORLAND - To Tina (née Williams) and Yuri, in New York City, a baby boy, on January 4th. Andre Solomon.

MARRIAGES

ABDELMOUTALEB - On 27th December 1992, in Aswan, Egypt. Christine Mary, daughter of the late James and Edith Bradley of Derbyshire, and Mohamed Mahmoud Ahmed Abdelmoutaleb, of Aswan.

DEATHS

BEVINGTON - On January 7th peacefully in hospital Michael Falkner of St Neots Cambs aged 81 years, beloved husband of Jeanne and widower of Dulcie. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church St Neots 12 noon on Friday 15th January followed by private cremation. Flowers or donations if preferred to Dr Barnardos or Wood Green Animal Shelter c/o T L Cobbold, 84 High Street, Hail Weston, St Neots, Cambs

BRIERLEY - On 7th January, peacefully in his sleep, Thomas Henry in his 103rd year. Beloved father of Dorothy Brierley and of the late Thomas Edward (Tony) Brierley and beloved father-in-law of Audrey Brierley. Funeral private. No flowers please but donations if desired to The British Diabetic Association, 10 Queen Anne Street, London W1M 0BD.

CAMPBELL - On January 9th peacefully in his sleep after a long illness. Husband of Margaret and father of David, Robert and Rona. Funeral at Wootton Church (near Woodstock) on Friday 15th January at 11am. No flowers please by request, but donations if desired to BBONT (Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and Oxfordshire Naturalists Trust), 3 Church Cowley Road, Oxford.

CAMPBELL OF LOCHNELL - On January 7th, 1993, peacefully in hospital after a long illness borne with great courage, Alasdair Duncan, beloved and devoted husband of Rosemary, and loving father of Alick, Iain, and Caroline. Funeral on Wednesday, January 13th at St Mary's, Hawkesbury, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only.

CLOWES - Colonel Sir Henry Nelson, K.C.V.O., D.S.O., O.B.E., peacefully, on January 8th at King Edward VII Hospital for Officers. Husband of Diana and much loved by his family. Funeral at 12 noon on Thursday January 14th at St Mary's Church, Eccleston, nr. Chester. Family flowers only but donations if desired, in his memory, to The Kidney Research Fund, Charing Cross Hospital, Fulham Palace Road, London W6.

COWLEY - On Thursday January 7th, Lieutenant General Sir John Cowley G.C., K.B.E., C.B., aged 87 of Boldre, Hampshire. Beloved husband of Sybil and father of Sally-Jane, Susan, Elizabeth and David and a much loved grandfather. Family cremation. No flowers please, donations preferred for The Not Forgotten Association for Disabled Servicemen and Women which may be sent c/o F.W. House & Sons Ltd., F/D, Lymington, Hampshire. Service of Thanksgiving on Tuesday January 19th at St John the Baptist Church, Boldre, Hampshire at 11 am.

DENNY - On January 7th, suddenly at home, Major Noel Nigel Molesworth (Batty) Denny M.C. Husband of Margaret, father of Jonathan and Rupert and step-father of Boodle. Funeral at St Paul's Church Wokingham on Friday 15th January at 2.30pm. Enquiries and flowers to J.B. Hall, Funeral Directors, 142 Finchampstead Rd, Wokingham, Berks. 0734 793 623

DIXON - On January 8th 1993, peacefully at Thamesfield, Henley on Thames, aged 90 years, Hugh Hume CBE FICE formerly of Kyrenia and Mallorca. Funeral at St Peter and St Paul, Checkendon, Oxfordshire on Friday January 15th at 12.00 noon. Flowers may be sent to Tomalin and Sons, New Street, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon.

FORTE - On Friday January 8th at 9pm Michael Angelo aged 79 in Montforte, Italy peacefully after a long illness bravely borne. Dearly loved husband of Jean beloved father of Juliana, Michael, Carolyn, Charlie and Nick and adored grandfather.

GENT - On January 7th 1993, peacefully at her home, Margaret Hilary, aged 88 years. A former Headmistress of St Albans Girls School. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Wootton, nr Woodstock on Friday January the 15th at 1.15pm, followed by Cremation at 2.45pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for St Mary's Church c/o Jerrams Brothers, 108 Oxford St, Woodstock Oxford OX20 1TX.

HILL - Mavis Millicent, M.B.E. Barrister and Law Reporter on 5th January 1993. Dear aunt of Betty Nivison and Peter Gottgens and friend of Judith Todd. Funeral on Tuesday 12th January at 9.15 am at New Southgate Crematorium, Brunswick Park Road, N11. Family flowers only but donations welcome to Help the Aged, PO Box 28, London N18.

HOWELL - On January 7th, peacefully, Audrey (formerly of Guernsey) at the home of her daughter Anne Starkie, greatly loved mother and grandmother. Requiem Mass St Francis de Sales Church, Hampton Hill 10.30am 14th January. Flowers to F. Paine, 31 Church Street, Twickenham or donations to Friends of the Community Health Services St John's Health Centre, Oak Lane, Twickenham TW1 8TH.

IBBETSON - Herbert John Simpson (Bert) on January 8th 1993, peacefully after a short illness aged 75 years, dearly beloved husband of Mollie, much loved father of David and Peter, father-in-law of Sally and loving grandpa of Gemma and Adam. Service and Committal at Stockport Crematorium on Wednesday January 13th at 10.30 am. No flowers please, donations if wished for Stockport Scanner Appeal, c/o and enquiries to George Ball & Son, 061-432 2131.

JEANS - On January 7th, peacefully at home after a long illness, Susi Jeans, aged 81. Widow of the late Sir James Jeans and beloved mother of Michael, Christopher and Katharine. Funeral Service at Mickleham Parish Church on Saturday January 16th at 11 am. Donations, if desired, to Musicians Benevolent Fund, 16 Ogle Street, W1P 7LG.

KEYSER - On Monday January 4th 1993, at University Hospital of Wales, Dr. James William (Jim), dearly loved husband of Jean, father of Deborah and Andrew and grandfather of Henry and Edward. Funeral Service on Tuesday January 12th at Thornhill Crematorium, Cardiff. Family flowers only. If desired, donations to Heart Research c/o Professor A.H. Henderson, University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff.

MAXWELL - John Brotherston of Richmond, Surrey and formerly of Manchester, suddenly in Nice, Côte d'Azur, France, on December 30th 1992, aged 83. Beloved father of Patricia and Susan and father-in-law of Malcolm. Funeral Service at Mortlake Crematorium on Thursday January 14th at 11.30 am. Enquiries to T.H. Sanders, tel: (081) 948-1551.

MOLLER - On January 7th 1993, peacefully at home, Norma, devoted wife of the late Eric 'E.B.'. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Bramley, Guildford, Surrey, on Friday January 15th at 11.15 am followed by private cremation. All enquiries and flowers, please, to Pimms Funeral Services, Mary Road, Guildford, tel: (0483) 67394.

NICHOLAS - On December 28th 1992, passed away peacefully, aged 85, Air Commodore Brian David Nicholas C.B.E. Requiem Mass Tuesday the 12th January at St Joseph's RC Church, Maidenhead, Berks 10am, followed by interment at Braywick Lawn Cemetery, Maidenhead 11am. Any enquiries to Peter Howard C/O E Sargeant & Son, Funeral Directors, 13 The Colonnade, High St, Maidenhead. Tel 0628 783738

PRIDEAUX - Sir John Francis, beloved husband of Joan, peacefully on January 7th. Funeral Service at St Margaret's Church, Ockley, for family, parishioners and local friends on Friday January 15th at 3 pm. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to St Margaret's, Ockley. The date for a memorial service to be held in the Chapel of St Thomas's Hospital, London, will be announced later.

RUDDER - On January 7th 1993, Paul Nigel Millington, peacefully in his sleep at home. Much loved husband of Jill, father of Ben, Kate, Sam, Sophie and grandfather of Rosie, Jasmine, Sam, Zac, Luke and Ollie. Funeral Service at Hempstead Parish Church, near Saffron Walden, Essex, on Friday January 15th at 12 noon followed by private cremation. Flowers or donations for the British Heart Foundation may be sent c/o H. Peasgood & Son, 62 Gold Street, Saffron Walden, Essex.

SANDERS - On January 7th, peacefully, Martyn Sanders, aged 84, dearly loved husband of Faith, mourned by all the family. Former Apparitor General to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

SINGER - On January 7th, Charlotte, wife of the late Dr. Robert and mother of Eva, Alfred, Vera and grandmother and great-grandmother, in her 97th year.

STANTON - On January 8th, her 80th birthday, peacefully Joan Constance, beloved wife of Jim (Arthur) and mother of Anne, Juliet and Elizabeth, and grandmother of Nicola, Venetia, Fiona, Lara, James, Alexander, Kim and Dickon. Funeral service at St Andrew's Parish Church, Hatfield Peverel on Friday 15th January at 11.30am. Family flowers only.

WARE - On January 7th, in Canada aged 59, Francis Cheers Wakefield, tragically in a motor accident, much loved husband of Sue, devoted father of Caroline and stepfather of Simon.

WHEATLEY-HUBBARD - On Friday January 8th, peacefully in his sleep, Raymond OBE, FRICS. Beloved husband of Ann, Father of Caroline and Thomas, and grandfather of Christopher and Andrew. Funeral service for family and parish only at Boyton, Thursday January 14th 3.00pm. Followed by private cremation. No flowers please. If desired donations to Cancer Research campaign, or to Fane Hall, Corton C/O AG Doughty, 56 Upton Lovell, Warminster, Wilts BA12 0JP. Details of thanksgiving service to be announced.

LEGAL NOTICES

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OBITUARIES

DAME JANET VAUGHAN

Dame Janet Vaughan, DBE, FRS, Principal of Somerville College, Oxford, 1945-67, and pioneer of the wartime blood transfusion service, died on January 9 aged 93. She was born on October 18, 1899.

JANET Vaughan was a towering influence on students at Somerville during the 22 years she was principal. She was a remarkable woman who in many ways seemed larger than life. She had a great sense of style and her strong presence and handsome features created a vivid and lasting image wherever she went. But it is for her tremendous optimism, her courage and determination, her warmth and humanity and sheer practicality that she will be best remembered.

For Somervillians there was, first and foremost, the example she set. She showed it was possible to combine a distinguished career in scientific research with the headship of an Oxford college (in itself a demanding role in a women's college). In addition, there was her service to the university, to the NHS, and on various national and international committees. And unlike many of the early women achievers she had brought up a family of two daughters, too. (Her husband, David Gourlay, must have been a great support and she never quite recovered from his death in 1963.)

She achieved all this through her amazing energy and powers of organisation. Her day started hours before breakfast and she would complete her college work by around 9.30am so that she could spend the rest of the day in the laboratory or on other business. Yet she kept in touch with everything going on in the college and would keep dropping in on people to check what were the problems.

She followed the progress of all her students and made a point of interviewing every undergraduate at the beginning and end of every term. Small talk did not come naturally to her and she was not easily impressed — recalling even the young Margaret Roberts (later to become Lady Thatcher) as "a perfectly good second-class chemist, a beta chemist". But whenever there was a problem she showed real concern and gave practical help. Each new intake of undergraduates was lectured on the importance of getting about in vacations and seeing the world. "Whatever you do don't stay at home in the kitchen sink."

Janet Vaughan was the daughter of William Wyamar Vaughan, Headmaster of Wellington and Rugby, and of Margaret Symonds. She read medicine at Somerville, whence she proceeded to University College Hospital. Her early career in medicine was, however, shaped by her determination to help her father after her mother's death: although she would have chosen to become a physician, she decided that clinical pathology would allow her more scope to run her father's home. Successive awards of fellowships (Rockefeller 1929, Beit Memorial 1930, Leverhulme 1933) marked her achievement in this field of study. She specialised in diseases of the blood and of the bone-marrow, and worked loyally and enthusiastically under some of the great physicians of the era following the first world war — among them, Sir Thomas Lewis, Dr C. Price-Jones, Dr George Minot — all celebrated for their contributions to the scientific development of clinical medicine. To their influence can be traced her own conviction that the future growth of medicine should be linked with a wide and rapid expansion of the clinical sciences.

In the time of crisis preceding the second world war, Janet Vaughan's energies were engaged in the planning of an emergency blood transfusion service for London. By July 1939 the Medical Research Council had appointed her director of the north-west London Blood Supply Depot. Her friendliness and accessibility and her gift for taking decisive action made her a good administrator — a capacity quickly recognised by government authorities and other bodies. She was appointed a Nuffield trustee in 1945, a member of the Commission on Equal Pay in 1944, chairman of Oxford Regional Board 1950-51, and member of the Phillips Committee on the Economic and Financial Problems of the Provision for Old Age in 1953.

Meanwhile, in 1945, she had been elected Principal of Somerville College. From the beginning her aim was expansion: she advocated, and worked indefatigably for, additional buildings, additional staff, more undergraduates in science, more overseas graduates. She had the capacity to think big and was the first to plan a special college block for graduate students.

It was in recognition of an exceptional career that Oxford University gave her the exceptional distinction for a former head of a house of an honorary degree in 1967.

SIR JOSEPH CANTLEY

Sir Joseph Cantley, OBE, High Court Judge, 1965-1985, died on January 6 aged 82. He was born in Manchester on August 8, 1910.

JOE Cantley, a Mancunian to the bone, possessed all the Lancastrian qualities — of directness of thought and language, common sense, and balanced judgment — that made him an effective advocate, a sound lawyer and a model High Court trial judge, particularly skilled in handling a jury.

Cantley was educated at Manchester Grammar School and Manchester University (which years later honoured him with an LLD). He became a pupil of Denis (later Mr Justice) Gerrard who died prematurely in office in 1955 and whose widow in 1966 married Cantley. He was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in 1933 and began a busy junior's career — interrupted only by war service in which he ended up as a lieutenant-colonel — on the Northern Circuit.

He was noticeably less successful as a Queen's Counsel, partly because the immediate postwar flood of litigation had tapered off in the 1950s and partly because his blunt, and often unpalatable, advice to law clients reduced the volume of leaders' briefs that came his way. His elevation to the Bench in 1965 was widely predicted and applauded. There then began 20 years of solid judicial achievement, mostly conducted on circuit. He made infrequent appearances in London courts; but one of them was memorable to him and to the public.

In June 1979 he was the trial judge at the Old Bailey in the prosecution of Mr Jeremy Thorpe, the former leader of the Liberal party (with three others), on the charge of conspiracy to murder and a separate charge against Mr Thorpe of inciting one of the three to murder a former male model who had claimed a homosexual relationship with Mr Thorpe. Mr Justice Cantley's summing-up unmistakably favoured an acquittal. He had described the alleged victim of the conspiracy as a "crook, a fraud, and a sponger".

The judge's approach to the case throughout was to seek to rid the minds of the jurors of surmise and prejudice, and direct them solely to the evidence adduced in the court and not to what other facts might point to. But Joe Cantley's friends and acquaintances detected in him a deep revulsion to the thought that, if Mr Thorpe were convicted, any judge would have been duty-bound to have imposed a very substantial term of imprisonment, even on someone of such a high reputation and impeccable public record. In the event Cantley was spared this unpleasant task.

A few months earlier Cantley's sense of undiluted even-handedness in the judicial process had been shown in a case which was to hit the headlines (and has never ceased to arouse acute public controversy) when it went to the Court of Appeal. He was the judge in chambers who dismissed the application by the Chief Constable of the West Midlands to have struck out the civil action brought by the Birmingham Six for assault by police officers on them. Professional opinion to this day much prefers Cantley's rational decision (which, had it stood unchallenged, might have led to the revelation a decade earlier of the gross miscarriage of justice) to the emotive language and irrational legal policy propounded by Lord Denning in preventing the action by the Birmingham Six from going ahead. No one could conceivably have accused Cantley of softness towards terrorists. In February 1977, in sentencing to life imprisonment four Provisional IRA men who had waged a campaign of bombings and shootings in England in 1975, he recommended that they should serve a minimum of 30 years in prison.

His recreations were golf and music. But he had a penchant for baking bread, and could regularly be seen in Covent Garden purchasing yeast and flour. He is survived by his wife Hilda, now aged 92, and his stepson.

BERTRAM BULMER

Bertram Bulmer, former chairman of Bulmer's cider company, died on January 5 aged 90. He was born on August 30, 1902.

THE son of one of the founders of the Bulmer cider company in Hereford, and its chairman from 1966 to 1973, Bertram Bulmer is best remembered for reviving the art of making apple brandy, and for a spirited battle he waged against the EC on methods of distillation.

Bertram Bulmer's father, Fred Bulmer, had founded the company in 1887 with a loan from his clergyman father. Bulmer graduated from King's College, Cambridge, and joined the company as a director in 1924. Bulmer's was then very much the small family firm. With the lifting of prohibition in America, Bulmer developed a profitable export side to the business and later was the first to regulate the manufacture of the preservative pectin, a profitable by-product of the cider-making process.

In 1966 Bertram Bulmer became chairman of Bulmer's and guided the company through a heady period of expansion, resulting in a stock market flotation in 1970. But perhaps his finest hour was the renaissance of apple brandy distillation, something which had not been attempted in England for over 200 years.

Just as the men in Brussels had balked at the idea of English sherry, so Bulmer encountered a certain amount of resistance to the idea of British brandy. Refusing to bow to pressure, he echoed George III's last sentiment — albeit adapting it to circumstances: "B...r Brussels".

Brussels eventually backed down and Bulmer became the first man in England since 1763 to be granted a Customs and Excise licence to distil Calvados. "When the inspectors call, I like to show them an old engraving of the folk round here roasting an excise man alive" he said, standing behind his still, a Heath Robinson contraption of copper drum and curling pipes, which he found in Normandy.

Bulmer attracted royal patronage from the Queen and the Prince of Wales who both donated oaks from royal estates to make the casks in which the spirit has to mature. He was able to reward her majesty with the first bottle of legitimate apple brandy at the firm's centenary in 1987.

Bulmer threw himself into new projects after his official retirement. At 70 he opened the road race at the 1973 Cider Festival on a Penny Farthing bicycle which he learnt to ride for the occasion. In 1980 he founded the Museum of Cider Trust in Hereford, which now receives 25,000 visitors a year, and drove himself into work every morning until the past three years. He lived to see his company achieving an annual turnover of £240 million. The Worshipful Company of Distillers and the French Calvados Connoisseurs Association acknowledged the success of his battle for a distiller's licence by admitting him to membership.

He leaves his widow, Christine, a daughter and four sons.

Indomitable spirit: at 84, Bertram Bulmer tastes the first apple brandy to be made in Britain in 200 years

JOHN KERRUISH

The Rev Canon John Robert Joughin Kerruish, Canon Emeritus of Salisbury Cathedral and Waynflete Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, died on December 30 aged 75. He was born on December 31, 1916.

DYING a day before his 76th birthday would have been noted by John Kerruish as a small disappointment but he would not have allowed it to perturb him. Even as a Magdalen undergraduate at Oxford in the 1930s, when he was known as "Jerry" and in 1939 became first secretary and then librarian of the Union under the presidency of the then "Teddy" Heath, he seemed already the epitome of the best sort of equable Trollopean clergyman. And so in his life he proved to be.

With an honours degree in History he took in 1939 a Theological Diploma from Wycliffe Hall where, having been brought up a Methodist, he moved to Evangelical Anglicanism. After seven years as a curate of St Andrews Nottingham, and a further eight as curate of St John's Worksop, he became in 1955 vicar of All Souls, Branksome Park where he remained for 30 years before retiring as a canon emeritus of Salisbury. At Salisbury, living in the Close, he was soon an all-important figure in the raising of funds for the cathedral spire.

He was at the same time a generous benefactor to Magdalen, which was the great love of his life. From Salisbury he visited Magdalen regularly at least once a week. There he entertained hospitably, showed an unaffected appreciation of good claret and was not above a whispered indiscretion during grace at High Table about other members of the college standing close by.

He was as staunch a Christian as he was a Conservative, which meant that he was quite happy to consider with intelligent equanimity proffered variations of those faiths on either count. Coachloads of his former parishioners attended his funeral service in Salisbury Cathedral.

He was, of course, a member of the Athenaeum where, as in Salisbury and at Magdalen, he will be affectionately missed.

MAVIS HILL

Mavis Hill, MBE, who contributed to the Law Report of *The Times* for a quarter of a century, died on January 5 aged 85. She was born in 1907.

WITHIN days of passing her Bar Final examination in 1951, Mavis Hill was appointed legal reporter at *The Times* and, in the following year, for the Incorporated Council of law reporting. She quickly became the doyenne of her field. Alongside her work in the Queen's Bench Division and then the Court of Appeal she was especially interested in the House of Lords, sometimes having to write up two or even three judgments for the next day's *Times*. Time and time again she had to wrestle with pages of their Lordships' finely-reasoned arguments and sometimes not particularly lucid prose, all too conscious of the limited time at her disposal.

Mavis Hill was born in South Africa into a legal family, but showed no early interest in the law. Instead, after taking a first in English and logic from Rhodes University College, Grahamstown, she spent six months in France, becoming a fluent French speaker and a serious cook.

After graduating from Somerville, Oxford, with another English degree, she trained as a secretary. Her first jobs, working for *The Times*'s motoring correspondent, the editor of *Punch* and D. N. Pritt, KC, the Labour MP, led to work in Pritt's chambers in the Temple.

Inspired by her colleagues, she decided to read law and became a student member of the Middle Temple. As a result of the Bar examinations, she was awarded the Crystal MacMillan Prize for women barristers. She would have received the prize for constitutional law had she not been "disqualified by age."

Miss Hill took a particular interest in the Thalidomide case, and the *Dering v Uris* trial (1964), which was to make the public aware, for the first time, of some of the atrocities committed at Auschwitz.

She was made an MBE in 1974, and continued to report judgments of the House of Lords after her retirement, in 1980, from the Council of Law reporting.

ON THIS DAY

January 11 1927

Neither the wrong sort of snow nor leaves on the line were responsible for unpunctual trains over 60 years ago; the villain was inferior foreign coal.

UNPUNCTUAL TRAINS.

The defects which have made themselves evident recently in the Southend service of the L.M.S. Railway were stated yesterday by an official of that line to have been due chiefly to the use of poor quality coal. The contracts for foreign coal are now expiring, and the regular passengers on this line are assured that improvement has already been made, and will be continued. Complaints as to the unpunctual trains on the suburban lines of the Great Northern and the Great Eastern are also answered by similar statements of the effect of poor fuel.

In support of the assertion that the Southend service is improving, the record of the trains arriving at Fenchurch-street during the busy hours of yesterday morning was produced. Of the trains due between 7.30 and 10.30, not one was more than three minutes late and 12 were up to time. Some of the difficulties on this line are no doubt due to the fact that for three or four miles out of Fenchurch-street it is shared by the trains of the L.N.E.R. from Stratford and beyond. A great portion of the delays on inward trains has occurred in this section.

It was stated yesterday that last Friday, of the 16 Midland trains due at Fenchurch-street between 8.6 a.m. and 9.39—all except three were punctual when they passed Barking, just before the L.N.E.R. junction. At Fenchurch-street, however, 14 arrived late, and of these 10 were over five minutes late. On the subject of rolling stock the company's representative thought there was little ground for complaint. He stated that since 1921 they had put into service on the Southend line 12 new trains, each with seats for more than 1,000 passengers. The criticism of the lighting arrangements was admitted to be true of two of these trains, the two newest ones having developed a lighting defect which it had been found difficult to rectify. The company had now renewed the cells throughout these trains, and believed that would end the trouble.

The statement made by the L.N.E.R. was as follows: "The complaints to which *The Times* makes reference in its issue of to-day, relate in particular to the suburban services of the Great Eastern and Great Northern lines. Both these services have suffered very seriously from the inferior quality of the foreign coal which it was found necessary to use during the latter months of the coal stoppage."

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Ark Royal on alert

■ A Royal Navy task force led by the aircraft carrier HMS *Ark Royal* is expected to sail for the Adriatic this week to support British troops in Bosnia-Herzegovina.
British forces in the former Yugoslav republic have come under repeated attack from Serb positions and yesterday they fired in anger for the first time. The task force may be used either to move them out or to provide extra firepower **Page 1**

Shetlanders face tests

■ Hundreds of Shetland islanders living within a two-mile radius of the stricken oil tanker *Braer* are to be tested by teams of doctors from the mainland amid increasing fears for their health. Blood and urine tests on the 600 people living in the vicinity of the wreck will begin tomorrow, the Shetland Islands council has announced ..... **Page 1**

Subsidy considered

Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, is considering a hefty coal subsidy as a way of reprieving up to 17 pits in a massive climbdown over closure proposals announced last October. One option he is believed to be considering is a subsidy of £10 a tonne that could save up to 10,000 miners' jobs ..... **Page 1**

UN team blocked

A defiant Iraq set out on a new collision course with the West yesterday when it refused permission for a United Nations plane carrying weapons inspectors to land in Baghdad. The move came only hours after President Saddam Hussein denied that he had backed down over the West's ultimatum that Iraqi missiles should be removed from the south of the country **Page 10**

Blow to the unions

John Smith sided with the modernists in the Labour party and made clear that he intends to get rid of the trade union block vote at the party conference. While vehemently denying any "Clintonisation" of the party, he insisted that the trade union link with the party should become "individualised" ..... **Page 2**

Patients turned away

Pressure on hospital beds in and around London has forced administrators to issue a "yellow alert" covering more than a dozen district health authorities. Patient admission has been restricted to urgent cases, provoking new protests about the proposed closure of hospitals within the capital ..... **Page 7**

Stronghold seized

Angolan government forces captured the rebel Unita stronghold of Huambo after two days of fighting amid reports that Jonas Savimbi, the leader of the opposition movement, had fled the city ..... **Page 9**

Press under threat

The combination of a general (but by no means fully tested) view that self-regulation is not working and the imminent second reading of Clive Soley's private member's bill on privacy may well unleash laws allowing interference with the editorial independence of many areas of the press ..... **Page 5**

Bosnia flaws

The assassination inside a United Nations armoured personnel carrier of a senior member of the Bosnian government while travelling along a UN-controlled road highlights faults in the passive manner in which the UN protection force operates in Bosnia-Herzegovina ..... **Page 8**

Surviving the crash

Robert and Isabel Glass said "I love you" to each other as they hung upside down from their seat belts in the crashed Indian Airlines plane at Delhi airport on Saturday. "I wondered if burning to death would be painful," Mr Glass said ..... **Page 3**

Fracas over films made in English

■ Defenders of the French language are cheering a small victory in their battle against the invasion of Anglo-American: the French film academy has barred four films produced in France from this year's César awards because they were made in English. The decision has been hailed by many directors ..... **Page 16**

Standing on ceremony: Gerard Levy of France, right, with his Taiwanese bride, Peng Li-ya, at a wedding for 50 couples in Taipei

Costly change: Investors face substantial new charges from their banks due to the introduction of Taurus, the controversial paperless share trading system, scheduled for launch by the Stock Exchange next year ..... **Page 36**

In the black: Hanson, the Anglo-American group headed by Lord Hanson, is to swap its last remaining significant gold mining interest for investments in coal through a $500 million exchange with the US group Sante Fe ..... **Page 36**

Looking up: Businessmen have become significantly more confident about sales and profits since Norman Lamont's autumn statement on the economy, according to a survey from the information group Dun & Bradstreet ..... **Page 36**

Rugby union: England are exuding a professional swagger as they chase their third successive grand slam. Simon Barnes finds they have foresaken pints in favour of practice as they prepare for their opening five nations' championship match against France at Twickenham on Saturday **Page 21**

No goal: Norwich City extended their scoreless sequence to 450 minutes as they were beaten 1-0 at Sheffield Wednesday. They relinquished their leadership of the Premier League on Saturday to Manchester United ..... **Page 25**

Back in form: Despite an uneven performance by the rest of the side, Mike Gatting has marked his return to the England team with a century ..... **Page 20**

Sparkling appointment: Without the distractions of marriage or motherhood, Liz Forgan can, like the BBC's most famous matriarch Grace Wyndham-Goldie, take her career as far as she likes. It is already through the glass ceiling but it seems that nobody fails to like or admire her ..... **Page 12**

Forever young: The menopause has always been seen as one of the eternal verities of women's lives. Yet Nigel Hawkes discovers that menopause could soon be a thing of the past ..... **Page 12**

On screen: We have just celebrated 25 years of the hole-in-the-wall cash machine. Libby Purves on the automatic tellers ..... **Page 12**

End of the World? Six of the eight companies set up by Womad (the World of Music Arts and Dance) over the past ten years have recently gone into liquidation. Has the bubble of World Music burst. **Page 27**

Bolshoi on trial: John Percival reviews the first night of the Bolshoi Ballet's ambitious season at the Albert Hall ..... **Page 27**

Go to the ball: *Mr Cinders*, a 1928 "comedy with music", is being deftly revived ..... **Page 28**

Exploring Greenoland: *Arena's* television mini-series about the life of Graham Greene left the essential character of the great author as mysterious as he himself had contrived to make it ..... **Page 29**

Designed to please: There appears to be an in-bred idea that to wear, say, an acid-yellow jacket by Gianni Versace is akin to wrapping a pink chiffon scarf around your neck, and lacquering your nails. This, of course, is not the case. Iain R. Webb on men's fashion ... **Page 13**

Artful squeeze: Last month, in the middle of the parliamentary recess and the academic vacation, a 30 per cent cut in the amount universities receive for extra students on arts and social science degrees passed almost unnoticed. John O'Leary on methods of curbing university expansion ..... **Page 31**

Although Dick Spring led Labour to its most successful election result, it was never likely that he would be named Irish prime minister **Page 2**

Lieutenant Colonel Bob Stewart, leader of the Cheshire battle group in Bosnia, does not want Serb gunners to force his troops to leave **Page 8**

John Birt, the new director-general of the BBC, is expected to announce the most radical shake-up of the corporation in 25 years **Page 5**

Ben Okri is one of 20 young authors who have been named in a campaign to promote British fiction. Some more established writers are not happy **Page 5**

Cutting Edge: Sudden Death examines the sadness of lives that end in anonymity (C4, 9pm) ... **Page 35**

Powerless to protect

Unprofor is unable to live up to its name as a UN protection force ... Half-measures have earned the UN the Serbs' contempt .. **Page 15**

Blinded by coaldust

The government's handling of plans to close 31 pits has been botched at every stage. Now it seems to be considering a botched solution ..... **Page 15**

On the edge

For the past week the spotlight has turned on the inhabitants of the Shetland islands. They have come out of it well, as an example and parable for 20th century urban man ..... **Page 15**

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

My own fear would be that the 1989 taping of the royal family was done either by MI5 or by an MI5-related operative ... We should hope, therefore, that the protection which British citizens ought to have against intrusion and espionage will cover intrusions into privacy by the state ..... **Page 14**

PETER RIDDELL

The present Labour fracas about Clintonisation of the party is overdone because of differences of political system and values. But there are lessons from the 1992 campaign, both in presentation and policy-making ..... **Page 14**

MATTHEW PARRIS

There's an appealing simplicity, a sort of joke, in Bolivia's selling coca exclusively to the West and using the foreign exchange to import exclusively from Japan. The joke, you see, is that the value of the coca is the West's own creation. It's our prohibition on the stuff which turns green leaves to gold **Page 14**

It is suggested that the increased allowances for "duty-free" alcohol are excessive ..... **Page 15**

Mr Major's desire to restore the "domestic agenda" is really his coded way of saying that he realises he has become unpopular for involving himself too deeply in the Maastricht Bill ... Maastricht should be replaced by positive proposals to make the EEC work better

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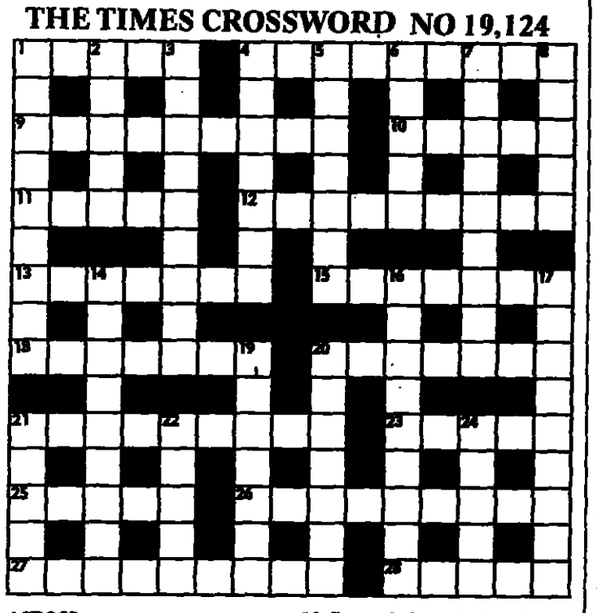

ACROSS

1 Quietly press for a clean-up drive (5).
4 Among building materials, one stands out (9).
9 Issue of note — bound to be (9).
10 Idea to note when crossing the border (5).
11 Old character, the drunk among the soldiers (5).
12 Dosing is a mistake in the doctor's opinion (9).
13 A way article should be put into waste-receptacle — fast! (7).
15 Suspect calls about debt (7).
18 No longer newsmen, that's clear (7).
20 Begin raising prize sheep (5,2).
21 Set against a tall team (9).
23 One following the game will find this helpful (5).
25 Having to do with "X" time after time (5).
26 Get mad about the legal fraternity's exclusion (9).
27 Distant woman arranging date to see a country property (9).
28 Given direction, capture a speedy animal (5).

DOWN

1 Writing about pastry turnover, quite overcome (9).
2 The gun for a trainee in general (5).
3 Set off — and please walk (9).
4 The town getting a point over about the air (7).
5 Endlessly pulling up a mean individual (7).
6 Demonstrated silky fabric (5).
7 Scare away part of public and go too far (9).
8 Vessels a viewer seldom sees emerging here (5).
14 Advocate drink — beer (9).
16 Royalty entering a club's restaurant (9).
17 Copies mounted, appraised, and divided (9).
19 A yarn may well be spun about such a staff (7).
20 Tennis star's place for retirement? (7).
21 A blockhead on the way up is haughty (5).
22 Stops the speech about Northern companies (5).
24 Noted play (5).

PARKER DUOFOLD

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Bournemouth	-	0.15	11	52	rain
Bristol	0.9	0.18	12	54	rain
Buxton	0.4	0.22	9	48	cloudy
Cardiff	1.6	0.11	11	52	rain
Clacton	0.1	0.01	9	48	drizzle
Cromer	0.5	-	12	54	bright
Douglas	0.3	0.09	8	46	cloudy
Edinburgh	1.1	0.33	7	45	hail
Eskdalemuir	-	1.34	6	43	snow
Exmouth	1.4	0.13	12	54	rain
Falmouth	-	0.35	12	54	rain
Folkestone	0.1	0.19	11	52	rain
Glasgow	2.0	0.92	7	45	shower
Guernsey	-	0.21	12	54	drizzle
Hastings	-	0.15	10	50	drizzle
Jersey	-	0.12	11	52	rain
Kinloss	1.4	0.11	6	43	snow
Leeds	2.5	-	10	50	bright
Lerwick	-	0.27	5	41	hail
Littlehampton	-	0.10	11	52	rain
Liverpool	1.5	0.04	10	50	rain
London	-	0.05	13	55	rain
Lowestoft	0.3	0.02	11	52	shower
Manchester	-	0.16	10	50	rain
Margate	X	0.02	12	54	rain
Minehead	1.4	0.20	13	55	rain
Morecambe	-	0.23	8	46	rain
Newcastle	3.2	-	11	52	sunny
Nottingham	1.1	0.10	12	54	rain
Penzance	2.7	0.28	12	54	rain
Plymouth	0.5	0.19	11	52	rain
Poole	-	0.16	12	54	drizzle
Prestwick	1.4	0.43	8	46	shower
Scarborough	2.1	-	10	50	bright
Scilly Isles	1.4	0.14	11	52	bright
Shanklin	-	0.24	11	52	rain
Southend	X	0.01		x	drizzle
Stornoway	0.4	0.34	5	41	hail
Swanage	-	0.15	11	52	rain
Teignmouth	0.9	0.18	13	55	rain
Tenby	2.8	0.12	11	52	bright
Tiree	1.5	0.56	6	43	hail
Torquay	-	0.28	12	54	rain
Weymouth	1.1	0.07	11	52	bright
Wick	2.1	0.09	5	41	snow
Worthing	-	0.08	11	52	drizzle

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloudy; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	14	57	c	Luxor	17	63	f
Akrotiri	8	46	c	Madrid	4	39	s
Alex'dria	14	57	f	Majorca	13	55	c
Algiers	16	61	s	Malaga	13	55	s
Amst'dm	12	54	r	Malta	16	61	f
Athens	8	46	c	Melb'rne	18	64	f
Bahrain	18	64	c	Miami*	20	68	r
Bangkok	32	90	f	Milan	6	43	c
Barbados*	24	75	r	Montreal*	-16	3	s
Barcelona	13	55	s	Moscow	-2	28	c
Beirut	12	54	f	Munich	11	52	s
Belgrade	2	36	s	Naples	14	57	c
Berlin	9	48	c	N Delhi	17	63	s
Bermuda*	23	73	s	N York*	-2	28	sn
Biarritz	17	63	s	Nice	13	55	s
Boston*	8	46	f	Oslo	3	37	f
Brussels	12	54	r	Paris	11	52	c
Budapest	-1	30	fg	Peking	-1	30	s
B.Aires*	21	70	s	Perth	33	91	s
Cairo	14	57	f	Prague	8	46	f
Cape Tn	22	72	f	Reykjavik	-5	23	f
Chicago*	-3	27	c	Rhodes	10	50	s
Cologne	11	52	c	Rio de J	30	86	f
C'phagn	5	41	c	Riyadh	12	54	f
Corfu	14	57	s	Rome	11	52	f
Dublin	10	50	c	Salzburg	8	46	s
Dubrovnik	14	57	s	S Frisco*	8	46	c
Faro	14	57	s	Santiago*	28	82	s
Florence	9	48	f	S Paulo*	27	81	f
Frankfurt	9	48	c	Seoul	3	37	s
Funchal	18	64	f	Sing'pore	30	86	c
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Helsinki	3	37	f	Sydney	23	73	s
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Istanbul	6	43	f	Tel Aviv	9	48	r
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Lisbon	5	41	fg	Vanc'ver*	-2	28	s
Locarno	5	41	s	Venice	2	36	fg
London	12	54	r	Vienna	4	39	s
L Angeles*	14	57	c	Warsaw	5	41	c
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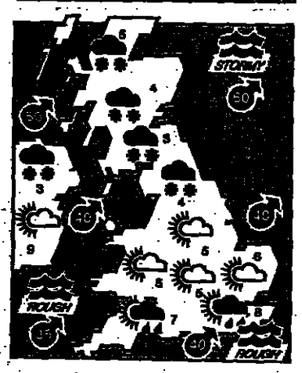

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Penzance 4.43 pm to 8.17 am

Sun rises: 8.03 am — Sun sets: 4.15 pm
Moon sets: 9.14 am — Moon rises: 8.46 pm
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Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	7	45	f	Guernsey	11	52	r
B'ringham	10	50	r	Inverness	5	41	r
Blackpool	9	48	c	Jersey	11	52	r
Bristol	11	52	r	London	12	54	r
Cardiff	12	54	r	M'nchster	9	48	r
Edinburgh	10	50	c	Newcastle	9	48	r
Glasgow	3	37	r	R'ndaway	10	50	r

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.29	7.4	3.56	7.6
Aberdeen	3.03	4.4	3.06	4.7
Avonmouth	7.04	13.9	9.31	13.6
Belfast	12.56	3.3	12.52	3.7
Cardiff	6.49	12.6	9.16	12.5
Devonport	7.37	5.8	8.04	5.4
Dover	12.32	6.8	12.50	6.7
Falmouth	7.07	5.6	7.34	5.2
Glasgow	2.49	4.7	2.43	5.3
Harwich	1.23	4.0	1.49	4.1
Holyhead	—	—	12.04	6.0
Hull	6.06	7.7	6.13	8.0
Ilfracombe	7.45	9.7	8.12	9.5
King's Lynn	6.24	6.8	6.27	7.1
Leith	4.28	5.7	4.42	5.8
Liverpool	12.46	9.7	1.04	9.9
Lowestoft	11.26	2.4	11.26	2.7
Margate	1.34	4.9	2.06	4.9
Milford Haven	8.02	7.4	8.27	7.1
Newquay	6.53	7.4	7.18	7.1
Oban	7.21	4.2	7.40	3.9
Penzance	6.38	5.9	7.07	5.5
Portland	8.33	2.3	9.02	2.0
Portsmouth	12.55	5.0	1.06	4.9
Shoreham	12.50	6.5	1.05	6.4
Southampton	12.27	4.7	12.38	4.8
Swansea	8.06	10.0	8.30	9.6
Tees	5.29	5.5	5.39	5.7
Walton-on-Naze	1.12	4.2	1.41	4.3

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Canada $	2.09	1.93
Denmark Kr	10.36	9.56
Finland Mkk	9.11	8.31
France Fr	9.06	8.36
Germany Dm	2.66	2.46
Greece Dr	357.00	332.00
Hong Kong $	12.53	11.53
Ireland Pt	1.01	0.93
Italy Lira	2435.00	2270.00
Japan Yen	210.00	191.00
Netherlands Gld	3.00	2.77
Norway Kr	11.37	10.57
Portugal Esc	237.70	219.70
South Africa Rd	5.20	4.50
Spain Pta	185.00	172.00
Sweden Kr	12.14	11.14
Switzerland Fr	2.43	2.25
Turkey Lira	14100.0	13100.0
USA $	1.63	1.50

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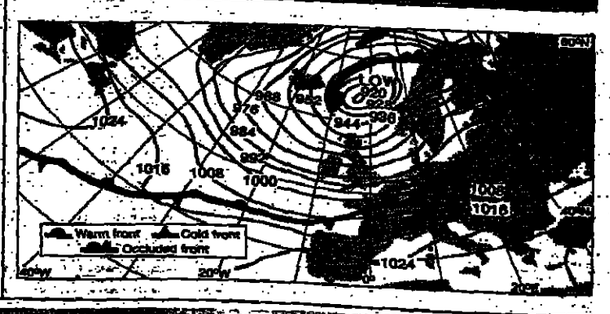

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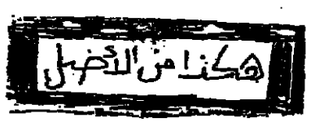

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Cricketers anxious about safety

Violence casts doubt over England plans

FROM PETER BALL IN LUCKNOW

THE next stage of England's cricket tour of India looked in serious doubt last night as the communal violence in Ahmedabad showed no sign of abating. After playing in Delhi on Wednesday, England are due to fly to the strife-torn industrial city that night for Saturday's first one-day international.

Bob Bennett, the England team manager, yesterday played down suggestions that India's problems made a change in the itinerary inevitable. "At the moment I don't regard them as problems," Bennett said with insouciance.

"I am content that the team are satisfied with the arrangements that have been made," Bennett said. But some of the England team are unconvinced, with the violence and the travel problems resulting from the Indian pilots' strike, now entering its second month, concerning them.

"We have been told security will be doubled in Ahmedabad," Robin Smith said, "but I have a wife and family at home, and if the situation gets any worse, the authorities must put the safety of the players first, even if it means calling off the tour."

Indian tours have had problems before. In 1984-5 the assassination of Indira Gandhi the day the team arrived provoked communal violence and the England party retired to Sri Lanka for a week before starting the tour. The only England tour to be abandoned was in 1969, when Tony Lewis's team returned from Pakistan after riots directed against the cricket.

There is no suggestion that cricket or the England team are targets in what many believe to be the greatest crisis in India's history since partition, but unlike Smith some players would not even wait for the situation to get worse before going home. On Saturday, the siege mentality began to take hold when the news of a bomb on the Lucknow-to-Delhi train earlier in the week was followed by a crash at Delhi airport, while the papers told of the deaths in Ahmedabad and Bombay, venue for the third Test next month.

The air crash, after a bumpy flight up, added to the worry for Smith and Phil Tufnell, who both dislike flying. They had asked for permission to go back to Delhi today by train, but it was refused in order for them to attend practice.

In the light of that, Smith's over-reaction was more understandable than Bennett's complacency. But over-reaction it undoubtedly is. As yesterday's game in Lucknow, where 5,000 police in the town have ensured that a crowd of 20,000 watched the three days without a hint of trouble, and the first week in Delhi demonstrated, much of India is peaceful enough. Ahmedabad, which has a history of communal strife since partition, is another matter.

The two million inhabitants have been under curfew since rioting on Friday and Saturday left at least 40 dead. There was no let-up yesterday, police firing on looters to take the death toll in the city officially to 46. Unofficial sources suggest it is nearly double that.

Today, a one-day strike, which is expected to inflame tensions still further, has been called by the BJP, the right-wing Hindu fundamentalist party. To add to the security problems for the Indian board if the match was to go ahead, the England party's hotel is only 200 yards from some of the worst affected areas.

To go there would seem irresponsible in the present situation. No decision is likely to be taken until the secretary of the Indian board, Chandappa Nagaraj, meets the England management in Delhi tomorrow, but it is increasingly probable the fixture will be moved to Delhi.

Bennett is also consulting the British High Commission in Delhi, but he will presumably have to wait for an assessment from the High Commission in Bombay, whose area covers Ahmedabad.

The Bombay Test may also be called into doubt unless things settle quickly. At least 15 people were killed in continuing religious violence there yesterday, taking the total to 130 in four days. Most victims so far are Muslims. The army and paramilitary forces have warned they would shoot anybody found on the streets of curfew-bound areas.

Meanwhile, the Indian Olympic committee has postponed the Indian Games, which were due to be held in the state of Maharashtra, near Bombay, next month.

Mike Gatting, at least, is enjoying his first tour since the ban on the South African rebels was lifted, scoring 115, the tourists' first century, as the three-day game against the Indian Board President's XI ended in a draw. Paul Taylor marked his England debut by taking five for 46.

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Welcome return: Mike Gatting relishes his first century in England colours since 1987 against the Indian Board President's XI in Lucknow yesterday

Carling injury responds well to treatment

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WILL Carling, the England captain, was confident yesterday that he would be fit to lead his side against France at Twickenham on Saturday when the rugby union five nations' championship begins.

A twisted right ankle, sustained during Harlequins' league defeat by Orrell 24 hours earlier, has responded well to treatment.

Carling was one of three England players unable to train in the wind and rain of Twickenham: Peter Winterbottom, his club colleague, and Dewi Morris both collected injuries in the same game. But Geoff Cooke, the team manager, shrugged off any doubts. "We're not worried about any of them at the moment and even if they did drop out, the guys coming in know what they are doing," he said.

The fact remains that Carling will have played only 14 minutes of rugby in seven weeks before the match against France. He missed the divisional championship in December and, though he came through five days of hard training in Lanzarote last week, he is short on match fitness. At Orrell, he left the field immediately after an opponent fell awkwardly across his leg; were there to be any belated reaction, Philip de Glanville would win his second cap and Rob Andrew would take over the captaincy.

Winterbottom had five stitches in a facial cut and his back had stiffened up after a kick, while Morris, the Orrell scrum half, completed the match with a dead leg which was causing him some discomfort towards the end of the day.

Louis Armary, the French prop, is expected to be fit for the match after a calf strain.

Mike Griffiths, the Cardiff and Wales prop, will miss the entire five nations' championship because of a broken collar bone.

Members of the Welsh squad were riding mountain bicycles at the end of their warm-weather training in Lanzarote when Griffiths, an experienced biker, collided with two less confident performers, Colin Stephens and Tony Clement. The two backs suffered cuts and bruises but hope to play for their respective clubs on Friday. However, the crash has cost club and country their most experienced tight forward and may have irrevocably damaged Griffiths's prospects of a second British Isles tour this summer.

Though Wales do not begin their championship until February 6, when they play England, Griffiths will be out for at least two months and his most likely replacement is Ricky Evans, 31, from Llanelli. "I think he is more ready now than he has ever been to take his first cap," Gareth Jenkins, the assistant Wales coach and club coach at Llanelli, said. "He is 32 in June and that's a mature age for a mature position."

Ireland give an international debut to Colin Wilkinson, the Malone full back, against Scotland at Murrayfield. Wilkinson, who has five B caps, was confirmed yesterday as the replacement for the injured Jim Staples, while Neil Francis, who has only just resumed playing after a protracted back problem, is included on the bench.

Craig Chalmers, the Scotland stand-off, is still not certain to play. Chalmers did not play for his club, Melrose, on Saturday in the McEwan's championship match against Glasgow High/Kelvinside, but yesterday took a limited part in Scotland's practice session at Murrayfield.

John Hall will captain England A against the French at Leicester on Friday, despite a knock on the elbow during his club's victory over Rugby on Saturday.

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Political football

"All-seat stadiums, the mediocrity of the Premier League, the lack of facilities, why does Lee Dixon play for England? Mellor handled all topics with the practised art of the politician kissing babies on the campaign trail."

Andrew Longmore tunes into Radio 5 and finds a former Minister on the same wavelength as the nation's football fans.....Page 20

Silver lining for England

England's women were beaten in the final of the European indoor hockey championships yesterday at Crystal Palace by Germany, the tournament favourites. It was England's first final and simply reaching it satisfied their coach, Maggie Souyave.....Page 21

Gascoigne's fitness called into doubt

PAUL Gascoigne, the England international, was substituted during Lazio's 2-0 win over Brescia yesterday after speculation over his fitness. Gascoigne, who was reportedly disciplined by the Italian league club for returning after the Christmas break half a stone overweight, had missed the past two matches with a thigh injury.

Unexpectedly recalled yesterday, Gascoigne laid on the first goal but was taken off in the second half apparently uninjured. Lazio moved into third place with the victory.

There have been questions in the Italian media about Gascoigne's mental attitude and the Lazio president, Sergio Cragnetti, has been reported as saying: "Paul has been fragile."

Gascoigne has played in only nine league matches, staying on for the full 90 minutes in only four. He has scored twice. But he may find it difficult to reclaim a regular place in an in-form Lazio side. AC Milan continue to lead the Italian league, after a 1-0 victory over Cagliari yesterday extended their unbeaten run to 50 matches.

Norwich City failed to regain the leadership of the Premier League yesterday when they lost 1-0 at Sheffield Wednesday, who won with a 42nd-minute goal from Nigel Worthington.

West Ham United moved to second place in the Barclays League first division when they beat Derby County 2-0 at the Baseball Ground, despite having Julian Dicks, the full back, sent off after half an hour. It was his third sending-off of the season.

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Skiing finds itself hurtling downhill towards danger zone

Kitt: high-speed crash

FROM DAVID POWELL IN GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN

THE capability of downhill ski racing to rival Formula One for danger has rarely been more apparent than it was here yesterday.

Two World Cup competitors were helicoptered to hospital and another who crashed at 70 mph tested the safety netting to its limits before skiing on. "The organisers are under pressure from sponsors and TV and there is not a lot of concern for us," Brian Stemmle, one of the lucky-to-be-alive brigade, said.

Stemmle, a Canadian, knows more than most about the risks. Four years ago he crashed at Kitzbuhel, depositing himself at death's door. He was unconscious for five days, suffered extensive internal injuries and broke his pelvis.

World Cup officials argue that, since the death of Gernot Reinstadler, the young Austrian, two years ago, safety has become paramount. But, no matter who is right, one thing is sure: if the skiers did not like it they would refuse to race. Boycott threats were all the rage once; now there is hardly a whisper.

Yesterday the skiers could have called on the rule book to force a cancellation because it says that two practice runs must be completed before a race can take place, and at least one must be within 48 hours of the start. But here there was only one practice run — and that was three days beforehand. Broken rules are as common as broken bones in this sport.

But the skiers will tell you that the risks are acceptable: indeed, according to some, preferable. A. J. Kitt, third in the World Cup downhill last season, was the 70 mph faller yesterday. "It's good to find out what your limits are because it makes you a better ski racer," he said. There is another race on the same course today: try keeping Kitt away.

Yet he added: "The course was bumpy and fast and the visibility was real bad. When I fell, I got kicked by a bump I didn't see." Leonard Stock, the 1980 Olympic champion, took much the same view: "It was very dangerous today. The light was a problem, the course was a problem."

But Stock, who led the threatened boycott demanding prize-money last season, was not suggesting for one moment that the race should have been called off.

Chad Fleischer, of the United States, and Martin Fiala, of Germany, were the two hospital cases, and last night neither was said to be seriously hurt. The hospital here has come to expect casualties from the World Cup: last year the race, arguably now the most dangerous on the circuit ahead of Kitzbuhel, put an end to the Olympic hopes of three competitors.

Tito Giovannini, the Alpine World Cup director, is adamant that safety comes first and that courses are built so that speeds of 85 miles an hour cannot be exceeded. But it is a constant battle against the ski manufacturers: the faster they make the skis, the tighter the course-setters have to make the bends.

"Life on the edge" is how Kitt describes ski racing. Yesterday the edge looked as menacing as any mountain.

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Merle closes gap, page 26

Hick and Fairbrother continue to struggle against Indian bowlers

Gatting hits first century for England since 1987

FROM PETER BALL IN LUCKNOW

AFTER a three-and-a-half-year absence, Mike Gatting yesterday announced his return to the England fold with a flourish, batting with impressive certainty to hit the first century of England's visit in an otherwise uneven display by the touring team in a drawn match.

It was Gatting's first hundred for England since his undefeated 150 against Pakistan at the Oval in 1987. If yesterday's effort did not have the importance of that innings, England would have been sorry without it. Once again the middle order made a poor fist of things against the Indian spinners. Maninder Singh, the leg spinner, Hirwani, and Chauhan shared nine wickets.

"I think we batted a bit better than in the first match," Graham Gooch, the England captain, said, looking determinedly on the bright side. "One or two haven't batted as long as we'd like, but we're a bit further on."

The sight of Gatting in command against a varied and testing spin attack was reassuring. From early on, his century seemed only a matter of time: there should be more, for on slow, turning pitches his class shines through.

With the other rock of England past, Gooch, playing the only other sizable innings, the rest of the batting looks unconvincing. With only a limited-overs game before the one-day internationals start, Stewart, Smith, Hick and Fairbrother are all in need of a long innings, and the last two, in particular, look out of touch against the spinners. The Indian journalists who enquired "would you not be better with Mr Gower?" may have a point, although Gooch parried the question dourly, as Gatting fell about laughing.

Yesterday, apart from the elder statesmen, the most substantial innings came from DeFreitas, a nightwatchman on Saturday who took his chance to have an extended knock, keeping his head down and showing that, when he does not try to hit the cover off the ball, he can play sensibly.

The rest swept to their doom, following the trend set on Saturday by Gooch, who looked set for his hundredth century — or is it his 99th? — until he lifted his foot sweeping and was stumped.

The subsequent English batsmen hardly laid a bat on the Indian spinners once Gatting had succumbed, bowled round his legs as he swept. By then he had batted over four-and-a-half hours, hitting 11 fours and a six in his 73rd first-class century. He could be excused, but the performances of the others was less happy.

Hick appeared to have settled when he shouldered arms to Maninder and was trapped by the arm ball. Fairbrother's state is even less happy. Out third ball at Faridabad, he lasted long enough to look right out of touch yesterday, bowled round his legs by the off spinner, Chauhan. Emburey and Lewis swept and departed.

Emburey had some embarrassing moments with the ball, too, as Sidhu staked his claim for a Test spot, tempering his otherwise stolid 50 by hitting the England off spinner for four more sixes, for a total of nine in the match.

Once again, the seam bowlers took the honours. Paul Taylor making his England debut one to remember with the best figures of the tour, five for 46, his spell on Saturday producing five for 19 in 9.4 overs. Yesterday, the magic had left him.

SCOREBOARD

BOARD PRESIDENT'S XI: First innings

S S Bahve c Stewart b Lewis ... 1
N S Sidhu c Gatting b Emburey ... 36
V G Kambli retired hurt ... 61
A Sharma c Gatting b Taylor ... 0
†N R Mongia b Taylor ... 55
R Dravid st Stewart b Gooch ... 27
R Chauhan c Stewart b Taylor ... 0
*Maninder Singh b Gooch ... 15
S A Ankola c Gooch b Taylor ... 3
P S Vladya b Taylor ... 13
N D Hirwani not out ... 1
Extras (b2, lb6, w1, nb2) ... 11
Total ... 223

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-105, 3-176, 4-178, 5-178, 6-197, 7-201, 8-219, 9-223.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 20-5-59-0; Lewis 11-2-35-1; Emburey 14-4-44-1; Taylor 15.4-4-46-5; Tufnell 11-1-29-0; Gooch 5-3-2-2.

Second innings

S S Bahve c and b Tufnell ... 17
N S Sidhu not out ... 57
R Dravid not out ... 28
Extras (nb 5) ... 5
Total (1 wkt) ... 107

FALL OF WICKET: 1-29.

S A Ankola, V G Kambli, A Sharma, †N R Mongia, R Chauhan, N D Hirwani, P S Vladya and *Maninder Singh did not bat.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 7-3-8-0; Lewis 5-1-5-0; Tufnell 12-4-24-1; Taylor 6-0-25-0; Emburey 8-1-36-0; Hick 4-1-9-0.

ENGLAND XI: First innings

*G A Gooch st Mongia b Hirwani ... 77
M W Gatting b Maninder Singh ... 115
†A J Stewart lbw b Hirwani ... 4
R A Smith lbw b Hirwani ... 1
P A DeFreitas c Sharma b Hirwani ... 45
G A Hick lbw b Maninder Singh ... 12
N H Fairbrother b Chauhan ... 2
C C Lewis b Chauhan ... 0
J E Emburey lbw b Maninder Singh ... 20
J P Taylor not out ... 2
P C R Tufnell not out ... 7
Extras (b 16, lb 6) ... 22
Total (9 wkts dec) ... 307

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-131, 2-135, 3-164, 4-226, 5-252, 6-265, 7-265, 8-296, 9-298.

BOWLING: Vladya 10-1-31-0; Ankola 17-4-39-0; Chauhan 16-4-57-2; Maninder Singh 32-10-80-3; Hirwani 27-4-78-4.

Umpires: P D Reporter and S Venkataraghavan.

GRAHAM MORRIS

Sweeping failure: Lewis is bowled round his legs without scoring yesterday

Haynes is fined for dissent

Brisbane: Desmond Haynes, the West Indies opening batsman, was fined half his match fee — about $Aus350 — after slamming his bat in to the pitch after being given out caught behind in his side's seven-run victory over Australia in the World Series Cup yesterday.

Donald Carr, the ICC match referee, said in a statement: "On being given out caught, Desmond Haynes stood at the wicket for several seconds then slammed his bat into the ground in an obvious show of dissent at the decision."

Mike Whitney, the Australia fast bowler, broke a toe and will miss the rest of the World Series Cup. He hit a ball from the West Indies fast bowler, Kenneth Benjamin, on to his foot. He was run out trying to hobble a single and was last man out, with an over left.

Whitney's was one of four run outs as Australia, chasing West Indies' total of 197, threw away the work of Mark Waugh and Ian Healy, who had added 77 runs to lift them from 81 for five.

First Waugh, after making 54, and the bowlers, Paul Reiffel, Craig McDermott and, finally, Whitney were run out.

Australia, with two matches left against Pakistan, should still qualify for the three-match finals against West Indies, who finished their programme by not only beating Australia but also Pakistan, whom they bowled out for 71 at the Gabba on Saturday and routed by nine wickets.

Ian Bishop finished with five for 25 runs to claim the man-of-the-match award. *(Agencies)*

WORLD SERIES SCOREBOARDS

Yesterday

WEST INDIES

D L Haynes c Healy b Reiffel ... 38
B C Lara c Healy b Whitney ... 10
*R B Richardson c S R Waugh b Reiffel ... 1
C L Hooper c Reiffel b M E Waugh ... 56
K L T Arthurton c Taylor b Reiffel ... 2
A L Logie c Reiffel b McDermott ... 26
†D Williams not out ... 25
A C Cummins run out ... 1
K C G Benjamin c S R Waugh b May ... 17
C A Walsh b S R Waugh ... 12
B P Patterson not out ... 1
Extras (lb 8, w 2) ... 10
Total (9 wkts) ... 197

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-38, 3-65, 4-72, 5-129, 6-148, 7-152, 8-175, 9-196.

BOWLING: McDermott 10-2-25-1; Whitney 10-1-30-1; Reiffel 10-1-33-3; S R Waugh 7-1-30-1; May 8-0-48-1; M E Waugh 5-0-23-1.

AUSTRALIA

M A Taylor c Richardson b Cummins ... 20
D C Boon c Williams b Patterson ... 3
D M Jones c Williams b Patterson ... 0
S R Waugh c Logie b Walsh ... 24
M E Waugh run out ... 54
*A R Border b Hooper ... 11
†I A Healy lbw b Walsh ... 41
P R Reiffel run out ... 4
C J McDermott run out ... 7
T B A May not out ... 3
M R Whitney run out ... 2
Extras (b 2, lb 6, w 9, nb 4) ... 21
Total ... 190

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-10, 3-51, 4-81, 5-81, 6-158, 7-173, 8-176, 9-187.

BOWLING: Patterson 10-0-31-2; Benjamin 10-1-32-0; Cummins 10-1-27-1; Walsh 10-0-49-2; Hooper 9-0-43-1.

Saturday

PAKISTAN

Saeed Anwar c Lara b Bishop ... 2
Shahid Saeed c Lara b Bishop ... 1
Inzamam-ul-Haq c Simmons b Benjamin ... 0
*Javed Miandad c Murray b Bishop ... 0
Salim Malik b Ambrose ... 8
Asif Mujtaba b Benjamin ... 1
Wasim Akram c Simmons b Ambrose ... 19
†Rashid Latif not out ... 22
Waqar Younis c Lara b Ambrose ... 0
Mushtaq Ahmad c Richardson b Bishop ... 2
Aqib Javed c Benjamin b Bishop ... 4
Extras (lb 3, nb 1, w 8) ... 12
Total (23.4 overs) ... 71

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-7, 3-7, 4-11, 5-12, 6-32, 7-54, 8-65, 9-68.

BOWLING: Bishop 8.4-0-25-5; Benjamin 6-2-16-2; Ambrose 6-1-13-3; Hooper 3-0-14-0.

WEST INDIES

D L Haynes not out ... 25
B C Lara c Waqar b Wasim ... 10
*R B Richardson not out ... 22
Extras (lb 9, w6) ... 15
Total (1 wkt, 19.2 overs) ... 72

FALL OF WICKET: 1-22.

P V Simmons, K L T Arthurton, J C Adams, C L Hooper, †J R Murray, I R Bishop, C E L Ambrose and K C G Benjamin did not bat.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 9-0-33-1; Waqar 7-3-13-0; Aqib 2-0-16-0; Mushtaq 1.2-0-10-0.

TABLE

	P	W	L	T	PTS
West Indies	85		3	—	10
Australia	6	3	2	1	7
Pakistan	6	1	4	1	3

GOLF

Storms blow final off course

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

CLIFF Weight, secretary of the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society, paused on his way to the first tee for the final of the President's Putter at Rye yesterday and took in the conditions. "I don't believe it," he said. "We are lunatics."

Five holes later, with the match all-square, Weight and Richard Sanders, his young opponent, were literally blown in off the course. Even the society, renowned for its imperviousness to the elements, could not cope.

Weight, with figures of 8, 3, 6, 7, 4, had taken four putts twice in the first four holes and Peter Cooper, captain of the society and the match referee, had no choice but to call a halt. "It was farcical," he said. "They just couldn't putt. This weather is some of the worst we've ever had." Weight and Sanders will try again at 10.30am on Saturday, March 13.

Rain was sweeping the course and the wind was gusting at 50mph and beyond. At Rye, the club rules it a gale once trolleys start toppling. Yesterday, it was people who were in danger of toppling and the needle on the anemometer in the clubhouse did touch 64mph, which marks the start of Force 11 and a full storm.

The Putter has been cancelled only once since 1920, war years excepted, and although it has been completed in March several times, the problem has always been snow. This is the first time that the wind has proved insurmountable and the first time that a final, once started, has not been finished.

In the semi-finals, which were played in foul conditions, Weight, an undergraduate when he became one of the youngest winners in 1975 but not a feature since, outlasted Martin Ebert 2 and 1. Sanders, 21, beat Martin Yates, six times a semi-finalist but never a finalist, by two holes.

Between now and March, Weight would do well not to brood on what Sanders did to his unfortunate opponent in the University match last year. Over 36 holes, Sanders beat his Cambridge opponent by 15 and 14, a record margin and surely an act of unparalleled barbarism from a man reading classics.

RESULTS: Fifth round: R A Sanders (O, Merton) bt J T L Watson (C, Trinity Hall), 3 and 2; T E Tew (O, Wolfson) bt R F H Petch (O, Magdalen), 3 and 2; C J Dale (C, Trinity Hall) bt T J Hanson (C, St John's), 6 and 4; M Yates (O, St Catherine's) bt D M A Steel (C, Christ's), 5 and 4; C J Weight (C, Jesus) bt D C Meacher (C, Fitzwilliam), 20th; J S Young (C Churchill) bt M R A Cox (C, Girton), 2 and 1; M G Ebert (C, Fitzwilliam) bt J Clennett (O, Christ Church), 22nd; P M Green (C, Emmanuel) bt C R Haines (C, Trinity), 5 and 3. Sixth round: Sanders bt Tew, 1 hole; Yates bt Dale, 2 and 1; Weight bt Young, 3 and 2; Ebert bt Green, 5 and 4. Semi-finals: Sanders bt Yates, 2 holes; Weight bt Ebert, 2 and 1. Final: Sanders v Weight, abandoned after five holes.

Mellor on the ball for his debut at political football

Andrew Longmore tunes into Radio 5 and hears a former Minister of Fun on the same wavelength as a nation's sporting fans

So that is what a former Minister of Fun does when he has taken his job specification a little too literally. Paul from Doncaster, for one, seemed impressed. "May I say, David, not wanting to creep, that you are doing very well," added George from Hull. David Mellor, former member of the cabinet, was clearly enjoying himself on his debut at host for *606*, the no-holds-barred football phone-in programme on Radio 5.

"Hello, is that Tony from Ware? Are you there?" "Yes, I'm here." "What are you thinking about, Ossie from Kent?" This was not the rough and tumble of *Question Time*, more a gentle chomp through some well-roasted football chestnuts.

All-seat stadiums, the mediocrity of the Premier League, the lack of facilities, why does Lee Dixon play for England? Mellor handled all topics with the practised art of the politician kissing babies on the campaign trail. George from Hull suggested that modern footballers lacked intelligence. "Intelligence in a footballing sense or intelligence as such?" Mellor asked. Danny Baker, the original voice of *606*, might have been more abrupt. "You mean all our footballers are thick." Nor would Baker have dared admit that he had forsaken his pie-and-pint and lunched in the company of a club chairman, as Mellor did.

By the end of his six-week stint on *606*, Mellor might have developed a sharper edge to his chat, too. Apart from expressing mild surprise about Dixon's continued presence for England and a suggestion that the implementation of all-seat stadiums was due more to the government's desire to be seen to be doing something in the wake of Hillsborough than a universally accepted policy, there was little controversy. "Arsenal is Arsenal, Darlington and Halifax are Darlington and Halifax." Thank you, David. Take each programme as it comes.

Chelsea being Chelsea, of course, the afternoon had not begun well for Mellor. He had even missed the best bit, leaving 20 minutes from the end when his beloved Blues, 3-0 down just after half-time, mounted a comeback before losing 4-2 to Manchester City. Not surprisingly, one of his first callers professed to support Manchester City, though he fooled everyone by living in Mansfield. "It has been a bad day," Mellor sighed before reviving himself with musical memories that strayed no further forward than the era of Bobby Tambling, Barry Bridges and Tommy Docherty.

Mellor proved an accomplished performer, a little over-talkative, perhaps, but with a nice touch of humour. The mere mention of Derbyshire provoked memories of childhood. "We might even be related," Mellor suggested to David from Derby, who seemed rather appalled by the prospect. "Actually, I was born in Sheffield." "Maybe we're distant cousins then."

But Tony from Ware and his fellow phoners all played to the rules. No underhand *double entendres*, no smart-alec references, just pub talk and a few rants and raves.

Mellor's one dilemma emerged over the recent punishment of Ian Wright (three-match ban) and George Graham (£500 fine). Clearly, as a Chelsea fan, he hates Arsenal, but he was not about to side with the media in what he regards as a "vendetta" against the club. Heaven forbid. "I am the last person in the world to deny that the media can put their knives into you," he said. He was firmer on his vision of the future of British football. "There should be more investment in grounds so that football can be treated as a family game. Families should not have to endure cattle-truck conditions, which they wouldn't accept if they were going out for a meal." Dream on, David.

By the end of the 90 minutes, the new boy was quite at home, though Nicholas from Nottingham, who had been asked to phone in by Mellor, had not done so. Nor, come to think of it, had a John from Huntingdon.

FOR THE RECORD

MOTOR RALLYING

PARIS TO DAKAR RALLY: Leading positions after five African stages: Cars: 1, B Saby (Fr), Mitsubishi, 10hr 00min 00sec; 2, P Lartigue (Fr), Citroen, at 1hr 38min 24sec; 3, K Shinozuka (Japan), Mitsubishi, at 4.04 38; 4, H Auriol (Fr), Citroen, 4 38.28; 5, S Servia (Sp), Lada, at 5 39:24. Motorcycles: 1, S Peterhansel (Fr), Yamaha, 20 39:23; 2, T Charbonnier (Fr), Yamaha, at 1 01:41; 3, X Riba (Sp), K2, at 3:50:13.

DARTS

FRIMLEY GREEN, Surrey: World professional championship: Semi-finals: A Warriner (Eng) bt S Beaton (Eng), 5-2; J Lowe (Eng) bt R George (Eng), 5-3. Final: Lowe bt Warriner, 6-3.

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REGAL TROPHY

Semi-final

BRADFORD 19 CASTLEFORD 12

Bradford: Tries: Summers, McGowan, Hobbs. Goals: Fox (3). Dropped goal: Hobbs. Castleford: Tries: Smith, Middleton. Goals: Crooks (2). Att: 5,602.

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP

First division

HALIFAX 20 HULL KR 12

Halifax: Tries: Divorty, Bishop, Preston, Bentley. Goals: Bishop (2). Hull KR: Tries: Lidiard, Chatfield. Goals: Fletcher (2). Att: 5,512.

HULL 20 WIDNES 4

Hull: Tries: Gale (2), R Nolan. Goals: Eastwood (4). Widnes: Tries: Eyres. Att: 4,347.

LEIGH 18 SHEFFIELD 14

Leigh: Tries: Mahon, Elias, Dunn. Goals: Tanner (2). Sheffield: Tries: Carr, Powell. Goals: Mycoe (3). Att: 2,243.

WAKEFIELD 34 SALFORD 14

Wakefield: Tries: Bell (2), Mason, Mosley, B Conway, Round. Goals: M Conway (5). Salford: Tries: Blakeley, Evans, Ford. Goals: Blakeley. Att: 3,500.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Helens	14	11	0	3	369	170	22
Wigan	13	10	0	3	330	170	20
Castleford	14	8	1	5	320	209	17
Halifax	14	8	0	6	277	266	16
Hull	14	8	0	6	244	247	16
Leeds	15	7	1	7	341	285	15
Wakefield	16	7	1	8	262	272	15
Bradford	12	7	0	5	272	204	14
Sheffield	15	7	0	8	250	320	14
Widnes	13	6	0	7	252	218	12
Warrington	14	5	1	8	224	214	11
Salford	14	5	0	9	225	371	10
Hull KR	15	4	0	11	165	348	8
Leigh	15	3	2	10	167	408	8

SECOND DIVISION: Carlisle 16, Rochdale 12; Featherstone 34, Huddersfield 12; London Crusaders 12, Swinton 6; Oldham 40, Bramley 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Featherstone	15	13	0	2	416	192	26
Oldham	14	11	0	3	358	199	22
Rochdale	15	9	0	6	330	271	18
Huddersfield	14	6	0	8	243	318	12
London Crus	15	5	1	9	266	290	11
Bramley	15	5	1	9	231	334	11
Carlisle	12	4	2	6	208	277	10
Swinton	14	2	0	12	140	301	4

THIRD DIVISION: Blackpool 12, Ryedale York 32; Dewsbury 58, Chorley 0; Doncaster 42, Nottingham City 4; Highfield 18, Whitehaven 40; Workington 0, Keighley 21.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dewsbury	13	12	0	1	408	123	24
Ryedale-York	14	11	0	3	479	184	22
Workington	14	10	0	4	457	147	20
Whitehaven	14	10	0	4	370	192	20
Keighley	12	9	0	3	372	131	18
Batley	13	9	0	4	212	134	18
Hunslet	12	8	0	4	239	229	16
Doncaster	13	7	0	6	292	226	14
Blackpool	12	4	0	8	206	275	8
Barrow	15	3	0	12	268	404	6
Chorley	15	2	0	13	165	484	4
Nottingham	14	1	0	13	101	661	2
Highfield	11	0	0	11	107	486	0

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE CUP: First round: Huddersfield 34, Hemel Hempstead 16; Hunslet 14, Bramley 13; Keighley 14, Warrington 42; Sheffield 22, Hull KR 12; Wigan 66, London Crusaders 6.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NFL): Divisional play-offs: AFC: Buffalo Bills 24, Pittsburgh Steelers 3; NFC: San Francisco 49ers 20, Washington Redskins 13.

FENCING

EPSOM: British cadet championships: Men's epée: 1, B Etherington (Whitgift); 2, T Kirby (Brentwood); 3, D Beavan (Reading) and A Sparey (Whitgift). Women's epée: 1, N Cain (Plymouth); 2, E Gill (Morecambe); 3, D Catchpole (Taunton Dean) and K Hawkes (Alfondo). Sabre: 1, P Dolby (St Paul's); 2, B Robertson-Adam (Shrewsbury); 3, A Cole (Evesham) and J Rose (Trafford).

ATHLETICS

NATIONAL INDOOR ARENA, Birmingham: Men: 60m: J Fergus (Brentwood), 6.79sec. 200m: D Campbell (Sale), 21.27. 400m: M Morris (Shaftesbury Barnet), 48.48. 800m: M Steele (Longwood), 1min 50.04sec. 1,500m: M Barnes (Borough of Enfield), 3:53.55. 3,000m: N O'Brien (Salford), 8:06.22. 60m hurdles: A Tulloch (Wolverhampton and Bilston), 7.87sec. High jump: F Ahmed (Team Solent), 2.13m. Pole vault: N Buckfield (Crawley), 4.95. Long jump: F Salle (Belgrave), 7.60. Triple jump: J Golley (Thames Valley), 16.19. Shot: S Whyte (Luton), 17.23. Women: 60m: B Kinch (Borough of Hounslow), 7.34sec. 200m: K Merry (Birchfield), 24.06. 400m: V Rhodes (Hallamshire), 55.99. 800m: A Davies (Basingstoke), 2min 10.55sec. 1,500m: D Edwards-Modell (Trafford), 4:26.06. 3,000m: Z Hyde (Woking), 9:21.60. 60m hurdles: C Court (Birchfield), 8.31sec. High jump: D Davies (Leicester), 1.87m. Long jump: M Bell (Queen's Park), 5.84. Triple jump: M Griffiths (Windsor, Slough and Eton), 12.46. Shot: M Lynes (Croydon), 15.71.

MARRAKESH: Marathon: Men: 1, M Cheham (Mor), 2hr 11min 55sec; 2, V Mozgovoy (Russ), 2:12:41; 3, M Salim (Alg), 2:13:40. Women: T Slusser (US), 2:38:01.

BADMINTON

TAIPEI: Taiwan Masters tournament: Finals: Men's singles: H Arbi (Indo) bt T Stuer-Lauridsen (Den), 15-18, 15-6, 15-5. Men's doubles: Cheah Soon Kit and Soo Beng Kiang (Malay) bt B Setiadi and I Hendra (Indo), 15-3, 15-12. Women's singles: Lin Xiaoqing (Swe) bt Y Sentosa (Indo), 11-6, 9-12, 11-5. Women's doubles: Lin Xiaoqing and C Magnusson (Swe) bt M Tomomi and S Kyoko (Japan), 18-15, 18-13. Mixed doubles: D Kantono and Z Resana (Indo) w o N Ponting and G Clark (Eng).

SKI JUMPING

SCHONBACH, Germany: Black Forest Cup (90m): 1, M Abe (Japan), 223.9pts (90m and 85m); 2, F Lunoberg (Nor), 219.0; 3, H-P Pohl (Ger), 214.0.

SNOOKER

BANGKOK: Challenge tournament: A McManus (Scot) bt J Parrott (Eng), 5-0; R O'Sullivan (Eng) bt J Wattana (Thai), 5-0; Parrott bt O'Sullivan, 5-3. O'Sullivan wins tournament.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday: Boston Celtics 102, New Jersey Nets 88; Charlotte Hornets 115, Los Angeles Clippers 101; Philadelphia 76ers 119, Washington Bullets 117; Seattle SuperSonics 98, Minnesota Timberwolves 93; Orlando Magic 95, New York Knicks 94; Atlanta Hawks 101, Detroit Pistons 92; Chicago Bulls 120, Milwaukee Bucks 95; Denver Nuggets 115, Houston Rockets 90; Los Angeles Lakers 93, Sacramento Kings 90. Saturday: Cleveland Cavaliers 118, Minnesota Timberwolves 93; Golden State Warriors 108, Detroit Pistons 104; New Jersey Nets 124, Washington Bullets 79; Indiana Pacers 104, Orlando Magic 88; Philadelphia 76ers 104, Chicago Bulls 91; Utah Jazz 126, Dallas Mavericks 102; San Antonio Spurs 108, Portland Trail Blazers 93; Seattle SuperSonics 107, Denver Nuggets 95; Sacramento Kings 108, Miami Heat 94.

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Men: First division: Cheshire Jets 78 (Herring 28, Thomas 24), Sunderland Saints 85 (Douglas 19, N Hopper 17). Third division: Stevenage Phoenix 65, Mid Sussex Magic 61.

MEN'S NATIONAL CUP: Quarter-finals: Derby 72 (Mitchell 21), Leicester 115 (Waldron 31, Harris 23); Ware 82 (Barlow 20), Worthing 92 (Irish 26, Lewis 20).

MEN'S NATIONAL TROPHY: Quarter-finals: Bury Lobos 94, Crystal Palace 102; Cardiff Heat 106, Plymouth Raiders 88.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL CUP: Quarter-finals: Chesham Ladies 50, Avesta Sheffield Hatters 73; London Central YMCA 44, Northampton 105.

BOWLS

MANCHESTER UNITY LIBERTY TROPHY (inter-county championship): Group two: Derbyshire 97, Lancashire 124; Northumberland 116, Leicestershire 127. Group four: Norfolk 146, Cambridgeshire 86. Quarter-final draw (January 23): Kent v Lancashire (at Newark); Devon v Cornwall (at Dorchester); Hampshire v Norfolk (at Kingsthorpe, Northampton); Yorkshire v Lincolnshire (at Gedling, Nottingham).

SCOTTISH INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS: Junior singles: J Strickland (West Lothian), 21, P Foster (Irvine), 19. Pairs: Prestwick (D Gourlay Jr and R McCulloch) 23, Turriff 11. Triples: Prestwick (S Hutchison, D Gourlay and R McCulloch) 18, Buchan 14. Fours: Cowal (S Scott, D Strachan, W Ferguson and I McIntyre) 24, Edinburgh 14. Senior fours: East Lothian (B Murray, H Cunningham, R Small and A Robertson) 14, Prestwick 13. Two-bowl pairs: Banfield (F Muirhead and R Marshall) bt Blantyre, 7-2, 6-7, 6-4.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Third day: Adelaide: South Australia 333 (D Webber 135, J Siddons 75; D Tazelaar 4-69) and 142-3 (N Fleke 57). Queensland 335-7 dec (M Hayden 161 not out, D Waltham; P Sleep 4-80). Perth: Western Australia 440 (G Marsh 129, T Moody 54); Victoria 265 (S O'Donnell 62, D Berry 57; J Angel 6-71) and 194-5 (L Harper 58).

NAIROBI: One-day match (49 overs): India 282-6 (S Tendulkar 85, M Azharudin 65; A Boy 4-70); Kenya 197-8. India won by 95 runs.

CYCLING

STUTTGART: Six-day race: Positions after two days: 1, A Kappes (Ger) and E de Wilde (Bel), 116pts; 2, D Clark (Aus) and P Bincoletto (It), 114; 3, K Khrabstov (Russ) and P Pieters (Holl), at 1 lap, 171.

CYCLO-CROSS: Leicester winter sprinter (Western Park, Leicester, 9 miles): 1, C Young (Team Orange), 56min 28sec; 2, G Foord (Wembley), at 8sec; 3, N Craig (Peugeot-Look), at 1:09. Portsmouth North End CC (Netley, near Southampton; 12 miles): P Rogers (St Raphael), 1hr 08min 16sec. South Western RC (Shirley Hills, Croydon, 12 miles): B Coomber (Regent RC), 1:00:05. CS Dynamo (Exmouth, Devon, 6 miles): W Burgess (Chris Hopkins Cycles), 36min 25sec. Team Sheffrec handicap (Graves Park, Sheffield, 10 miles): R Thackray (Bradford Olympic), 58:45. Middleton CC (Mandale Park, Rochdale, 12 miles): F Salmon (Peugeot-Look), 58:51. Yello Velo (Horncastle, Lincolnshire, 12 miles): P Wakefield (Cherry Valley RT), 59:02. VC Nouveau (Consett, Co Durham, 10 miles): R Batey (Ashington), 50:00. Tameside Sportslink (Mossley, Greater Manchester, 9 miles): N Craig (Peugeot-Look), 52:33.

GOLF

CARLSBAD, California: Tournament of Champions: Scores after three rounds (US unless stated): 203: D Love, 67, 67, 69. 204: P Azinger, 65, 69, 70. 207: B Faxon, 71, 69, 67. 208: M O'Meara, 70, 70, 68; D Forsman, 68, 71, 69; J Cook, 73, 68, 68. 209: T Kite, 69, 71, 69; G Norman (Aus), 68, 70, 71. 210: G Hallberg, 70, 71, 69; S Pate, 73, 66, 71; M Calcavecchia, 68, 72, 70. 211: J Huston, 70, 73, 68. Senior Tournament of Champions: Scores after three rounds (US unless stated): 209: J Dent, 70, 69, 70; A Geiberger, 70, 70, 69. 212: D Stockton, 72, 71, 69; G Archer, 71, 69, 72; M Hill, 72, 70, 70. 216: D Douglass, 69, 75, 72; I Aoki (Japan), 72, 74, 70; R Floyd, 71, 72, 73; R Charles (NZ), 70, 73, 73.

HOCKEY

MEN'S CLUB MATCHES: Beeston 2, Sheffield 0; Chelmsford 2, Richmond 0; Harborne 1, Stourport 1; Hayes 1, Tring 2; Isca 5, Bournemouth 2; Lyons 1, Eastcote 3; Woking 5, Weybridge Hawks 1.

WOMEN'S LEAGUES: East: Anchorians 0, Welwyn 2; Bexleyheath 0, St Albans 2; Ipswich B 0, Canterbury 3; Redbridge 0, Sevenoaks 1; Saracens 3, Berkhampsted 1. West: BAC 0, Wimborne 1; Cheltenham 1, Taunton Vale 0; East Gloucester 0, Leominster 0; Exeter 0, Redland 4; St Austell 1, Bournemouth 0; Swindon 1, Gloucester 0.

WOMEN'S CLUB MATCHES: Cardiff Athletic 3, Bracknell 0; Harborne 0, Bromsgrove 3; Harleston Magpies 2, Cambridge City 1; Hayes 0, Hampstead 3; Liverpool 3, Chester CD 1; Loughborough Ladies 6, Newark 0; Old Loughtonians 5, Copdock 0; Poynton 1, Pickwick 1; Reading 8, Hounslow 1; Stourport 1, Mossley 3; Sunbury 0, Dulwich 1; Trojans 0, Winchester 1; Woking 3, Basingstoke 0; Yate 0, Exmouth 8.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: FC Barcelona 2, Sir Roger Manwood's 3; Kent College 3, Cranbrook 0; King's, Canterbury 0, Chatham House 3; Trinity, Croydon 2, Langley Park 2; Sir Roger Manwood's 2, Felsted 1.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: Detroit Red Wings 8, Vancouver Canucks 3; New Jersey Devils 6, Ottawa Senators 4; Buffalo Sabres 6, New York Islanders 5; Toronto Maple Leafs 5, San Jose Sharks 1; Winnipeg Jets 6, Los Angeles Kings 3. Saturday: Pittsburgh Penguins 3, Calgary Flames 2; Philadelphia Flyers 4, New York Rangers 3; New Jersey Devils 6, Boston Bruins 2; Hartford Whalers 4, Quebec Nordiques 2; Vancouver Canucks 5, New York Islanders 4; Washington Capitals 4, Edmonton Oilers 3; Minnesota North Stars 6, Tampa Bay Lightning 4; Toronto Maple Leafs 5, Montreal Canadiens 4; St Louis Blues 4, Chicago Blackhawks 1.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Billingham Bombers 8, Bracknell Bees 6; Fife Flyers 7, Norwich and Peterborough Pirates 6; Humberside Seahawks 9, Whitley Warriors 8; Nottingham Panthers 6, Cardiff Devils 5. First division: Basingstoke 13, Slough 3; Milton Keynes 10, Telford 3; Sheffield 20, Lee Valley 6; Swindon 7, Medway 5.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: British championships: Under-24 singles: Semi-finals: G Barker bt L Danby, 15-7, 15-12, 15-4; A Robinson bt J Beaumont, 15-0, 15-7, 10-15, 15-5. Final: Barker bt Robinson, 9-15, 15-5, 15-11, 15-8. Under 24-doubles: Final: Barker and Robinson bt K Walker and P Le Marchand, 15-4, 15-2, 18-14, 15-5. Under-21 singles: First round: J Larken bt A Hodgson, 15-6, 15-11, 15-0. Quarter-finals: C Danby bt A Mordaunt, 15-6, 15-9, 18-18, 15-2; R Lawson bt J Grant, 10-15, 15-4, 16-8, 15-3; T Sawrey-Cookson bt K Walker, 15-1, 15-8, 15-11; P Le Marchand bt Larken, 15-8, 15-9, 15-2. Semi-finals: Danby bt Lawson, 15-4, 15-9, 15-11; Le Marchand bt Sawrey-Cookson, 8-15, 15-7, 15-12. Final: Danby bt Larken, 15-12, 15-8, 8-15, 7-15, 15-10. Under-21 doubles: Final: Larken and Sawrey-Cookson bt Walker and Le Marchand, 15-8, 15-10, 11-15, 15-7.

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: British professional doubles championship: Semi-finals: C Bray and J Howell bt C Lumley and A Phillips, 6-4, 6-2; K Sheldon and M Devine bt S Ronaldson and C Ronaldson, 6-4, 6-2. Final: Sheldon and Devine bt Bray and Howell, 5-6, 6-5, 6-1.

ICE SKATING

HELSINKI: European championships: Women: Qualifications (leading 12 in each group advance): Qualifiers: Group A: 1, S Bonaly (Fr), 1.0 factored placings; 2, T Szewczenko (Ger), 2.0; 3, S Lang (Ger), 3.0; 4, Z Szwed (Pol), 4.0; 5, A Lepina (Lat), 5.0; 6, C von Saher (GB), 6.0; 7, M Krigsman (Holl), 7.0; 8, M Kopac (Slovenia), 8.0; 9, I Semanova (Cz), 9.0; 10, L Hubert (Fr), 10.0; 11, A Tong-Lind (Den), 11.0; 12, O Vassiljeva (Est), 12.0. Group B: 1, A Claeys (Bel), 1.0; 2, O Balul (Ukr), 2.0; 3, M Kielmann (Ger), 3.0; 4, M-P Leray (Fr), 4.0; 5, K'Czako (Hun), 5.0; 6, L Kulovana (Cz), 6.0; 7, M Butyrskaia (Russ), 7.0; 8, O Markova (Russ), 8.0; 9, N Krieg (Switz), 9.0; 10, A Rechnio (Pol), 10.0; 11, C Maun (It), 11.0; 12, V Dimitrova (Bul), 12.0.

SKIING

ULRICHEN, Switzerland: Nordic World Cup event: Men: 15km classical style cross country: 1, M Albarello (It), 39min 34.5sec; 2, V Ulvang (Nor), 39:44.5; 3, B Dahlie (Nor), 40:08.3. World Cup leader: Ulvang. 40km freestyle relay: 1, Italy (F Valbusa, G Vanzetta, Albarello, S Fauner), 1hr 41min 26sec; 2, Norway, 1:41:27; 3, Sweden, 1:41:29. Nations' Cup leaders: Norway. Women: 10km classical style cross country: 1, Y Vialbe (Russ), 28:43.4; 2, M-L Kirvesniemi (Fin), 28:55.9; 3, S Belmondo (It), 29:00.0. World Cup leader: Vialbe. 20km freestyle relay: 1, Russia (S Nageikina, Vialbe, L Latsutina, L Yegorova), 57min 05sec; 2, Italy, 57:38; 3, Norway, 58:17. Nations' Cup leaders: Russia.

BLACKCOMB, Canada: Freestyle World Cup event: Men: Moguls: 1, E Grospiron (Fr), 26.89pts; 2, J-L Brassard (Can), 26.56; 3, D Gauthier (Can), 25.22. Women: Moguls: 1, R Monod (Fr), 25.20; 2, T Mittermayer (Ger), 23.82; 3, C Gilg (Fr), 23.77; 20, J Curry (GB), 17.03. Ballet: 1, C Sechoz (Fr), 23.50; 2, E Breen (US), 23.20; 3, S Petzold (US), 22.80; 5, J Snell (GB), 20.45; 8, V Simpson (GB), 18.35; 20, Curry, 6.30.

SWIMMING

PEKING: World Cup short-course meeting: Men: Freestyle: 50m: S Caron (Fr), 22.29sec. 100m: 1, Caron, 49.04; 2, C Tröger (Ger), 49.05. 200m: A Holmertz (Swe), 1min 44.97sec. 400m: 1, E Sadovy (Russ), 3:46.39; 2, D Loader (NZ), 3:46.51. Breaststroke: 50m: V Ivanov (Russ), 27.55sec. 100m: 1, Ivanov, 1min 00.38sec; 2, M Warnecke (Ger), 1:00.93. 200m: S Vossart (Fr), 2:12.67. Backstroke: 50m: T Weber (Ger), 25.59sec. 100m: V Selkov (Russ), 53.37. 200m: Selkov, 1min 54.04sec. Butterfly: 50m: B Gutzeit (Fr), 24.17sec. 100m: 1, M Gery (Can), 53.02; 2, D Pankratov (Russ), 53.54; 3, D Loader (NZ), 53.83. 200m: 1, Loader, 1min 55.23sec; 2, D Pankratov (Russ), 1:55.41. 200m individual medley: C Keller (Ger), 1:58.98. Women: 50m freestyle: F Van Almsick (Ger), 25.00sec. 100m: Van Almsick, 53.33 (world record). 200m: Van Almsick, 1min 55.84sec (world record). 400m: Lu Bin (China), 4:08.95. Breaststroke: 50m: 1, Lou Xia (China), 31.28sec; 2, Lu Di (China), 31.27. 100m: Huang Xiaomin (China), 1min 07.14sec. 200m: Huang Xiaomin, 2:24.10. Backstroke: 50m: Lei Xue (China), 28.47sec (world record). 100m: Lei Xue, 1min 00.93sec. 200m: Liu Bichum (China), 2:10.49. Butterfly: 50m: 1, L Karlsson (Swe), 27.41sec; 2, Van Almsick, 27.51; 3, Liu Limin (China), 27.61. 100m: Liu Limin, 59.68. 200m: Liu Limin, 2min 10.59sec. Individual medley: 100m: Lin Li (China), 1:01.91. 200m: Lin Li, 2:11.81. 400m: Lin Li, 4:45.26.

TABLE TENNIS

MIDDLESBROUGH: Cleveland International open: Men's singles: Semi-finals: D Douglas (Warwicks) bt Chen Xinhua (Yorks), 22-20, 21-15; M Syed (Berks) bt S Andrew (Essex), 16-21, 21-10, 21-17. Final: Douglas bt Syed, 23-21, 21-5. Women's singles: Semi-finals: L Lomas (Beds) bt K Goodall (Yorks), 21-7, 21-12; E Timina (Russ) bt A Holt (Lancs), 21-13, 17-21, 21-18.

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TENNIS

DOHA, Qatar: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: B Becker (Ger) bt S Edberg (Swe), 6-4, 6-4; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt A Cherkasov (Russ), 6-2, 6-2. Final: Becker bt Ivanisevic, 7-6, 4-6, 7-5.

ADELAIDE: Australian men's hard-court championship: Final: N Kulti (Swe) bt C Bergstrom (Swe), 3-6, 7-5, 6-4.

WELLINGTON, New Zealand: Men's tournament: Final: B Black (Zim) bt T Ho (US), 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.

KUALA LUMPUR: Men's tournament: Final: R Reneberg (US) bt O Delaitre (Fr), 6-3, 6-1.

BRISBANE: Australian women's hard-court championship: Semi-finals: M Maleeva (Bul) bt Shi-Ting Wang (Taiwan), 6-4, 7-5; C Martinez (Sp) bt M Jaggard-Lai (Aus), 7-5, 6-3. Final: Martinez bt Maleeva, 6-3, 6-4.

HONG KONG: Women's challenge match: M Seles (Yug) bt J Capriati (US), 7-5, 7-5.

SWANSEA: LTA tournament: Finals: Men: N Fulwood (Derbys) bt J Hunter (Surrey), 6-4, 6-4. Women: V Lake (Devon) bt A Simpkin (Leics), 6-1, 7-6.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Tooting Aquila 2, Wessex 3; Polonia Ealing 0, Kiss Leeds 3; Speedwell Rucanor 2, Newcastle Staffs 3; Mizuno Malory Lewisham 3, Reebok Liverpool City 0.

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Men: First division: Pentland NUVOC 1, MCA Cardinals 3; Su Ragazzi 3, Coatbridge 0; Glasgow Gregg 1, Jets 3; Dundee 0, West Coast 3. Women: First division: Glasgow Powerhouse 3, Jets 0; Streamline Hazlehead 3, Pentland NUVOC 0.

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Barnsley v Manchester City (7.0); Bolton Wanderers v Sheffield United (7.0); Leeds United v Aston Villa (7.0). Second division: Chelsea v Luton Town (7.0); Crystal Palace v Wimbledon; Tottenham Hotspur v Norwich City (2.0); Charlton Athletic v Swindon Town (7.0).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: League Cup: Torquay United v Plymouth Argyle.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Les Phillips Cup: Taunton v Clyst.

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A week before the five nations' campaign opens, **Simon Barnes** finds a professional swagger about the champions

England declare profits from rugby's revolution

It rained. It came down in buckets. Twickenham was awash. And yet the sacred turf was being treated as a kind of factory floor. The England rugby union squad was training: running about, jumping on each other, kicking and scuffling and, above all, working.

I don't suppose the sward will look quite as good as it could when England come to play France in the first match of the five nations' championship on Saturday. But here is the shocking truth: the England side prefers substance to appearance these days.

There has been the most colossal change in rugby union over the past few years: evidence was all around at Twickenham yesterday morning as the squad went through stretches and set-pieces and skirmishes with quiet seriousness.

This session was open to journalists — there is even a professionalism about rugby's media relations these days — so naturally, after two hours of watching rugby players rolling around in the wet, there was a move to the bar. "I'm sorry, the beer-pumps aren't connected." *What?* "Well, the players don't drink beer . . ." Now do you believe me when I say times have changed in rugby union?

> *'Rugby is intense as never before. The running is faster, the players are stronger. The matches, and the results, matter more with every game'*

But it is not just the three-pint training session that is out of date. It is the entire air of dilettantism. Rugby union was once the sport of the self-righteous underachiever: no longer. A few years ago, I claimed that the Great Britain rugby league squad could take on the British Lions and beat them out of sight *at rugby union*, and no one dared to refute this.

In rugby league, the hard running, the handling, the stamina, the strength, and above all, the tackling, were light-years ahead. Rugby union could not live with these people, I claimed. I would not make such a claim today.

Not only are rugby union players fitter than before, they are more famous. Most people who watch sport would recognise most of the faces as they performed their sprints and stretches beneath the Twickenham torrents and most reasonably sporty people could put a name to half-a-dozen or more. This has never before been true of an England rugby team.

A settled side; constructive media relations; above all, victory: these are three things that have given rugby union a greater following. The game is also played better. Unrecognisably so. Rex Hazeldine, the fitness coach, was striding about the pitch, just for a start. All the players have their own fitness programmes: gym-work, weights, aerobic exercises, running, cycling. They are just back from a five-day stint in Lanzarote preparing for the international season: working, practising, learning about each other, bonding into a unit.

Will Carling, the captain, is perhaps the most recognisable rugby player England has ever produced. "It's all about attitude," he said, strutting about in the sheeting rain. "It's about being professional. It's about being ruthless."

These are not virtues that have always been associated with the Rugby Football Union. No doubt there are many in that body who wish things were otherwise, but it is axiomatic that no game is bigger than the players, since the players *are* the game. And it is the players themselves that have transformed rugby union and the attitudes behind it. Changes in the structure of the game have barely kept pace with the player's revolution.

One of the great influences on the players' revolution was the Australian rugby league side that came here in 1982. They were, to use an Americanism that had not then been heard here, *ossum*. The best rugby side ever seen in England, never mind what code they played.

No one had realised that rugby *could* be played as hard and as fast as this side played it. All the rugby league virtues listed were there in superabundance. They were ruthless, professional and unbelievably fit. Match after match, these sides "seemed to get stronger" in the closing 20 minutes. We now know what that means: superior fitness. Not everyone can be good, but any able-bodied person who works at it can be fit. Rugby union players wanted to be that fit, that fast, that strong.

American football was another central aspect of the player's revolution. Football came to Channel 4 and people saw at once that the entire game is ossum. It hit a peak of interest in the autumn of 1985, with the ascent of the Chicago Bears and William "The Refrigerator" Perry.

Some people laughed at Perry. Rugby forwards realised that this 25 stone monster could run 40 yards in just over four seconds. They did not laugh at all.

American football is a bastard brother to rugby, and rugby players took note. They saw more than extraordinary speed, strength and skill. They saw the art of the tackle in apotheosis: the hit, in football jargon. Here, the tackle is not just a way of stopping the ball-carrier: it is, and is supposed to be, a punitive weapon. This is now true of rugby union.

American football also brought a sense of style and swaggering professionalism. For it was clear that American footballers were great athletes. Rugby players, too, wanted to be seen as great athletes, as swaggering professionals.

By the time England went to Australia for the inaugural World Cup in 1987, the team set-up had already introduced daring innovations such as a fitness coach and warm-weather squad training. But it was not enough: Australia and New Zealand were still miles ahead on technique, tactics, fitness, attitude. And in England, the players' attitude hardened.

Geoff Cooke took over as England manager, and the player's revolution continued. Revolution is supposed to be a continuous process, after all. Cooke, a deceptively mild-mannered man, caught the player's hunger for a genuinely professional attitude, and the rest we know: two successive grand slams, and now hot favourites for a third.

Cooke was there yesterday, wearing a baseball cap: the official England rugby team one-size-fits-all baseball cap. If anyone doubts where the professional attitude has come from, look no further than Cooke's hat. England cricketers also wear baseball caps these days: they too, under Graham Gooch and Micky Stewart, have undergone a revolution in the professionalising of their approach.

Cooke also gave a brief, sodden address to the press: one almost expected him to drawl Lombardiisms: "There ain't no room on the scoreboard for 'I tried', fellers". But that was not really necessary. That attitude is now a part of everyone in the England squad. It would have been blasphemy to suggest such an attitude a few years back; these days, the players would be horrified if you expected anything else.

Instead, Cooke talked about the French squad with an air of easy familiarity. Scouting on the opposition and watching endless videos of rival players: this, too, is part of rugby now.

It was not until 1987 that the RFU finally caved in to player-demand and allowed them to play in leagues. Many people said that rugby would never be the same again. They were right. Players can measure themselves and their teams. There is a new seriousness, a new intensity, and it pervades the game at levels below the full international. Meanwhile, club scouts flock to schoolboy representative matches to spot the stars of the coming decade: another unprecedented change.

Rugby is intense as never before. The running is faster, the players are stronger; and they are fast and strong for the full length of a match. The hits get harder: the matches, and the results, *matter* more and more with every passing game.

Itis a more satisfying game to watch too, these days, and infinitely more satisfying to write about. But how much more intensity can the game take? How much more strength and speed and ferocity and commitment? Are the structure, the rules and the nature of the game capable of containing this explosion of fitness, commitment and intensity? Rugby union is balanced on a knife-edge. Perhaps that is what makes it so compelling.

MARC ASPLAND

Commitment and confidence: Probyn, with ball, charges at Ojomoh with Rodber supporting, while Carling, right, talks to the press at Twickenham yesterday

HOCKEY: BECKER'S FOUR GOALS SEND ENGLAND TO DEFEAT

Germans seal seventh European title

By Alix Ramsay

BRITTA Becker led Germany to their seventh European Nations Cup win in the women's indoor tournament at Crystal Palace yesterday, scoring four goals as Germany beat England 8-3 in the final. The Germans were favourites to retain their title and had given England a taste of things to come in the group matches on Saturday, beating them 7-2.

However, even Becker must have been surprised by England's resilience in the final. For the first half the home side gave as good as they got, defending solidly with Sandie Lister and Jackie Crook orchestrating play from the back. Lister was the brains behind the brawn and within two minutes, the tournament's most-capped player forced her way down the right to crack in a shot from an acute angle.

Becker equalised from Germany's first short corner before five minutes were up but although the champions kept pouring forward, Jo Thompson, in goal, marshalled her packed defence to soak up the pressure. Germany could only make one more corner count before the break, when Becker again did the damage.

For a short while in the second half, it looked as if England might continue in the same vein as Lister again created the opportunity for Lynn Bollington to equalise.

But from that moment Germany were a different proposition, scoring five goals in ten minutes, each one from their short-corner routine. As a last resort, Thompson was replaced by Sam Wright as England tried everything to reduce the deficit. By the end, however, only Lister found a way through, running clear for her second goal.

"We made a few mistakes, which is inevitable when you're tired, and they punished them," Lister said. It was England's first indoor final and for their coach, Maggie Souyave, getting there had been the main objective. "You've got to believe you can win but you've also got to be realistic. We knew Germany were not going to relinquish their title easily. We stuck to our task and held them for the first half but it was hard to expect the girls to do that for the full 40 minutes.," she said afterwards.

Scotland failed to retain their bronze medal, losing the play-off to Spain 6-4, their goals coming from Elaine Cooper, Gill Messenger and Pauline Robertson (two).

ENGLAND: J Thompson, J Crook, S Lister, M Nicholls, L Bollington, J Green, S Wright, C Harvie, L Marsden, F Lee, S Chandler.
GERMANY: B Weir, A Schmidt, B Becker, P Suxdorf, E Hagenbaumer, T Dickenscheid, F Hanschel, M Cremer, A Wild, I Kuhnt, S Muller, K Peters.
RESULTS: Pool A: England 12, Denmark 1; Germany 9, France 2; France 6, Denmark 4; Germany 7, England 2. Germany and England qualify. Pool B: Spain 6, Scotland 4; Austria 3, Czechoslovakia 3; Scotland 2, Czechoslovakia 0; Spain 10, Austria 5. Spain and Scotland qualify. Semi-finals: Germany 8, Scotland 3; England 8, Spain 4. Final: Germany 8, England 3. Play-offs: Third: Spain 6, Scotland 4. Fifth: France 4, Czechoslovakia 2. Seventh: Austria 4, Denmark 2.

St Albans fade to finish sixth

ST ALBANS dropped from fourth to sixth place in the Glenfiddich International indoor tournament which ended in Glasgow yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes). Harvestehuder, of Germany, defeated Buccaneers, from Holland, in the final on penalty strokes after the scores were level at 7-7.

That no British club has reached the semi-finals in the 14-year history of the tournament shows the high quality of continental opposition. After a 14-6 drubbing by Buccaneers on Saturday, St Albans' spirits were low but yesterday they recovered some of their character in an 8-7 victory over WAC Vienna.

In a play-off for fifth place, Menzieshill from Dundee, winners on three occasions, beat St Albans 5-2.

The final between the German and the Dutch clubs provided a grandstand finish. With 41 seconds to go, Harvestehuder wiped out a two-goal deficit from a penalty stroke and a corner eventually to win the penalty stroke shoot-out.

Adanacs, from Canada, snatched third place on penalty strokes after a 4-4 draw with the German club, Crefelder.

RESULTS: Pool A: Menzieshill 4, Adenacs (Canada) 6; Harvestehuder (Germany) 9, WAC Vienna 7; WAC Vienna 3, Adanacs 9; Harvestehuder 7, Menzieshill 6; WAC Vienna 5, Menzieshill 6; Adanacs 3, Harvestehuder 7. Pool B: Buccaneers (Holland) 10, Independent Western 4; St Albans 3, Crefelder (Germany) 7; Crefelder 8, Buccaneers 5; Western 7, St Albans 13; Buccaneers 14, St Albans 6; Crefelder 6, Western 7. Crossover matches: Menzieshill 5, Western 2; St Albans 8, Vienna 7. Semi-finals: Harvestehuder 7, Crefelder 6; Buccaneers 8, Adanacs 3. Seventh place: Western 8, Vienna 4. Fifth place: Menzieshill 5, St Albans 2: Third place: Crefelder 4, Adanacs 4 (aet: Adanacs won 3-2 on penalty strokes). Final: Harvestehuder 7, Buccaneers 7 (aet: Harvestehuder won 2-1 on penalty strokes).

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Chase is on: England's Jackie Crook hot on the heels of Tanja Dickenscheid

YACHTING

Plans are laid for second challenge race

ENTHUSIASM for the British Steel Challenge round-the-world race is so strong that plans for a second race in 1996 are already advanced (Barry Pickthall writes).

The name and course for the 1996 race is expected to be confirmed next month, and is likely to involve a 20-strong fleet of 71ft steel maxi-yachts. The title sponsorship has been sold. After more than 1,000 applied for this year's race, there is also no shortage of crew volunteers, so that those competing now will be barred, other than as a paid skipper.

The arrival of the Peter Phillips-skippered yacht, Rhone-Poulenc, at Hobart on Saturday leaves British Steel II, now sailing across the Tasman under jury rig, as the only yacht still at sea. The fleet starts the third stage of the race bound for Cape Town on February 13.

POSITIONS: Finishers: 1, Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden), 48 days 23hr 26min. 2, Commercial Union (R Merriweather), 49:08:20; 3, Hofbrau Lager (P Goss), 50:09:29; 4, Coopers & Lybrand (V Cherry), 50:16:43; 5, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding), 51:04:47; 6, Pride of Teesside (I MacGillivray), 51:07:58; 7, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 51:13:59; 8, Interspray (P Jeffies), 52:01:11; 9, Rhone-Poulenc (P Phillips), 55:06:58. Retired: British Steel II (R Tudor), dismasted, heading for Hobart
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Liley converts late rally into unlikely victory for Leicester

Northampton 12
Leicester 13

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

LEICESTER demonstrated a hitherto unsuspected eye for drama at Franklins Gardens on Saturday. Their chosen genre was the thriller with the unexpected twist, and one which has severely dented Northampton's hopes of staying in touch with the leaders of the Courage Clubs Championship.

Liley's conversion, on a day when his place-kicking was adrift, of Back's injury-time try gave Leicester the lead for the only time in a match which, for an hour, had looked Northampton's for the taking. Leicester remain level with Bath in second place but only by virtue of the extra game they have played; so Wasps and Bath, both winners themselves, will be pleased with the outcome of this taut Midland encounter.

Despite scoring two tries to one, Northampton's defeat will have done nothing to assuage Barrie Corless's aggrieved feelings over his England squad players. The Northampton director of rugby believes that unless the senior clubs and the England management discuss the demands made upon leading players, rugby union will have its own version of football's club v country syndrome whenever international matches come round.

"We find the Hunters, the Dawsons, the Beals, not England," Corless said. "We want our players to be in the England frame, don't get me wrong. It's great for them and for our supporters but I think the demands on them are excessive. They get knocked around during training in Lanzarote, they shoot of to Sunday training, they meet again on Wednesday.

"Surely they could have achieved all they wanted in five days in Lanzarote without an additional Sunday. We have had one session with all our players since November 28. That's no way to prepare for a top-of-the-table clash. Hunter has played only three games for us all season. Next season we will have home and away in the league and what will the players do then?

"There will be no respite. Either we don't pick them or England have to rethink what they do. We want them to be at their best for England but unless we both get together and do something about it, the situation will not get better."

Whether it was Lanzarote or the soft Midland loam which made Northampton look leg weary in the final quarter is debatable but the nature of the game changed. For an hour Leicester were in jail, locked into Northampton's game of position and possession.

But for all those advantages, they could not exert the remorseless pressure to break Leicester. Their first try was a sweet one by Packman after Thorneycroft's bustling run into midfield; the second was by Thorneycroft himself after Steele's steepling kick to the sparse open side was collected by Dawson, described admiringly by Tony Russ, Leicester's rugby director, as the player of the game.

But Leicester had spotted weaknesses. After the ritual challenges between the rival front rows, where Cockerill had a magnificent game, they settled back to an absorbing lineout contest which Northampton appeared to be dominating but ended only 18-15 ahead. Poole and Richards won significant ball and Harris, under severe restraints, played with aplomb.

In the last quarter, Leicester played their game of swift movement, buoyed by Tony Underwood's attacking flair. Three times they might have scored tries from long range as Steele and Liley cancelled each other out in missed kicks. Shelford left the fray with a damaged hamstring and Liley, at last, reduced the margin to six points.

Even then, Leicester had to depend upon a missed touch which Liley hoofed back. Harris darted to within two metres and Back, sporting a new haircut (designed, possibly, to make him look taller in front of Geoff Cooke, the England manager) scored near the posts. Liley, trouper that he is, rewarded the immaculate silence of the 8,000 crowd with the goal that counted.

SCORERS: Northampton: Tries: Packman, Thorneycroft. Conversion: Steele. Leicester: Try: Back. Conversion: Liley. Penalty goals: Liley (2).
NORTHAMPTON: J Steele; J Griffiths, N Beal, F Packman, H Thorneycroft; S Tubb, M Dawson; G Baldwin, J Olver, G Pearce, P Walton, J Etheridge, M Bayfield, T Rodber, W Shelford (rep: D Merlin).
LEICESTER: J Liley; T Underwood, S Potter, I Bates, R Underwood; J Harris, A Kardooni, G Rowntree, R Cockerill, D Garforth, J Wells, M Johnson, M Poole, N Back, D Richards.
Referee: E Morrison (Bristol).

MARC ASPLAND
Out of arm's reach: Bayfield, right, climbs high for Northampton, but Poole has the inside position on Saturday

Orrell show way in fight for survival

Orrell 18
Harlequins 16

By Christopher Irvine

THERE is little panache to Orrell, just a tenacity of spirit that Harlequins would be advised to display before they, too, run out of time in the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship. The footing of the Lancashire club above the four relegation places remains the more treacherous, yet their instinct for survival is now paramount.

Orrell grabbed at a lifeline on Saturday and fought tooth and claw to frustrate Harlequins' attempt to break their duck at Edge Hall Road. Whether this was merely a last battle cry of an aging pack, games at Leicester and Gloucester and at home to Wasps will surely find out, but Kimmins, Cleary and Cusani once more struck fear into opponents, who seemed not best disposed to their task.

Once Carling's exposure to his first match for six weeks was ended by a painful right ankle after only 14 minutes, Moore, Leonard and Winterbottom retreated to their cotton wool wraps. Thereafter, Harlequins contrived nothing to match a fine opening try by Thresher after Challinor's keen eye threaded through the home side's defence.

Apart from a dubious score by Wedderburn, with questions over a knock-on and the winger's actual grounding of the ball, Harlequins got sucked into Orrell's unsubtle but effective battering ram strategy, which earned them 13 points after they had trailed 16-5 at the interval.

Harlequins were fortunate to escape the heavy punishment Ainscough's wayward place-kicking should have inflicted for an uncommon rash of offside counts, but were eventually undone by the prompting and persistence around the scrum of Morris; this, in spite of carrying a dead leg for over an hour.

The England scrum-half was instrumental in catching out Harlequins on the blindside for a score for Taberner and Cleary latched on to his hanging kick to surge through for the second. Seven minutes remained when Hamer flopped on a chip of supreme precision by Ainscough to the right corner flag.

SCORERS: Orrell: Tries: Taberner, Cleary, Hamer. Penalty goal: Ainscough. Harlequins: Tries: Thresher, Wedderburn. Penalty goal: Challinor (2).
ORRELL: S Taberner; P Hamer, S Langford, G Ainscough, P Halsall; B Wellens, D Morris; M Hynes, N Hitchen, D Southern, N Ashurst, R Kimmins, C Cusani, D Cleary (rep: P Manley), S Gallagher.
HARLEQUINS: S Thresher (rep: N Killick); M Wedderburn, W Carling (rep: K Bray), G Thompson, M Molyneux; P Challinor, R Glenister; J Leonard, B Moore, A Mullins, M Russell, A Snow, S Dear, P Winterbottom, R Langhorn.
Referee: C Hanson (East Midlands).

West reap reward for durable display

London Scottish 10
West Hartlepool 15

By Barry Trowbridge

A YEAR after their charge for promotion was checked by a 7-6 defeat they hardly deserved, West Hartlepool returned to the Athletic Ground on Saturday and showed they are again prepared to battle until April, this time to stay in the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship.

Results elsewhere could not have been worse for them and, to survive in the top flight, West will need at least a couple more victories. But as their league opponents will testify this season, they are a hard unit to break down and have a set of forwards inconversant with the meaning of defeat.

Simple statistics reflect their durability: in seven league matches, they have conceded only six tries. For tenacity, Paul Whitelock's try from the last play of the game will take some beating. It was fitting his fellow forwards drove him over.

Two strikes against the Scottish head was fair reward for a far superior scrummage, Dixon and Westgarth eclipsed Cronin and Nisbet in the lineouts and Simon Mitchell and Brown battered away to excellent effect around the fringes of the mauls.

Scottish also played their part and, as a demonstration of everything good in rugby, few matches will better this. Both sets of backs defied the squally conditions and always tried to keep play open.

Matt Bayliss, the referee, made excellent use of the advantage law while Steve Wichary, on the stroke of half-time, and David Cooke, 17 minutes from the end, scored the sort of tries coaches dream of.

Cooke's effort, from an orthodox but nevertheless refreshing move down the line, in which Oliphant created half an overlap, gave West the incentive for a final drive.

When Stabler's penalty from the ten-metre line fell under the bar with seven minutes to go, it looked as if, for the second year running, they would be denied their desert. Fortunately, the pack thought otherwise.

SCORERS: London Scottish: Try: Wichary. Conversion: Wichary. Penalty goal: Wichary. West Hartlepool: Tries: Cooke, Whitelock. Conversion: Stabler. Penalty goal: Stabler.
LONDON SCOTTISH: M Appleson; S Wichary, F Harrold, M Sly, L Renwick; R Cramb, D Millard; D Denham, L Mair, P Burnell, N Provan, D Cronin, A Nisbet, I Morrison, D White.
WEST HARTLEPOOL: K Oliphant; O Evans, P Hodder, C Lee, D Cooke; J Stabler, S Harvey; P Lancaster, S Mitchell, P Whitelock, D Blyth, J Dixon, K Westgarth, A Brown, P Evans.
Referee: M Bayliss (Gloucester).

League sendings-off pass 100 mark

Tondu 17
Builth Wells 13

By Gerald Davies

THIS Heineken League fourth division match was often infused with too much aggression and spilled over into several brawls.

John Ralph, the Builth Wells lock, was spotted stamping by a touch judge and sent off, and, with two Ystradgynlais players, Nick Mabbutt and Adrian Williams, dismissed against Ruthin in another fourth division match, his departure took the total of sendings-off since the formation of the League past 100: 34 in 1990-1, 32 in 1991-2 and now 35 this winter.

Ken Rowlands, the WRU development officer for referees, said: "Players haven't come to terms with the fact there are now three pairs of eyes watching them in every league game. We have neutral touch judges in all divisions. Once club coaches and selectors get through to their players that indiscipline costs points, money and places then I'm sure we'll see a significant decrease."

With 15 minutes to go, the Tondu players could hardly have relished the confrontation with their manager, J. P. R Williams in the dressing-room afterwards. For here were Tondu playing against only 14 men since the fourth minute of the second half and they were losing 13-12. J. P. R. is a stickler, shall we say, for commitment.

Builth had scored a marvellous try by Hamonds from the back of the scrum which, with Parry's conversion and penalty, gave them the lead at half-time against Watts's three penalties.

Ralph was sent off at one of the several fracas and Watts kicked the points. But the small Builth pack kept harrying and got its reward when Parry kicked a penalty.

Then Tondu, from an unpromising position, chanced their arm. The ball reached Roddy Boobyer on the touchline and he beat three defenders to cross in the corner.

SCORERS: Tondu: Try: Boobyer. Penalty goals: Watts (4). Builth Wells: Try: Hamonds. Conversion: Parry. Penalty goals: Parry (2).
TONDU: M Watts; D Jones, A Evans, M Tatchell, R Boobyer; M Miller, M Lewis, M Stonehouse, A Thomas, W Terry, G Brown, N Pengilly, S King, J Purnell, M Thomas.
BUILTH WELLS: R Davies; I Price, K Davies, F Lewis, A Miles; M Hopkins, P Parry; C Jones, C Morgan, J Pugh, L Hamonds, J Ralph, G Pembroke, W Mills, R Lawrence.
Referee: D E Parry-Jones (Pontypool).

Wasps in need of Andrew's return

Saracens 9
Wasps 13

By Bryan Stiles

THERE is a fragile look about Wasps' tenure of the top position in the Courage Clubs Championship table. They seem to be just about holding things together while they await the return of their old stage manager, Rob Andrew, the player who has pulled the levers more effectively than most in recent seasons. They sorely missed him in this close encounter on Saturday, if only for his goal-kicking skills.

Luckily for them, they will be able to call on Andrew again on February 5, following the end of the 120-day qualifying penalty imposed after his switch from Toulouse. It means he can play in the next round of league matches and help keep Wasps at the head of the table.

They were in serious danger of losing this scrappy match as Saracens fought tigerishly to preserve their first division status. With Wasps' second-choice kicker, Buzza, out of form, Saracens had taken a 9-6 lead in the second half, with three penalties from Rudling, and thought they had done enough to win.

Unfortunately for them, Wasps produced the brightest move of a dour match to snatch victory. In one sustained assault, Wasps attacked through the middle with a neat chip-and-catch from Childs, before switching the thrust to the right. When that was held, they whipped the ball to Oti, one of England's forgotten wings, on the left. He reminded everyone about his pace and determination as he touched down wide out. Buzza, who had missed with five penalty attempts, several from easy positions, perversely converted from the touchline.

It secured the kind of worryingly close victory Wasps have been pocketing this season. The return of Andrew and the injured goal-kicker, Pilgrim, should improve their points haul soon.

On a day of rain and greasy conditions, most of the play was confined to the forwards, where Probyn lived up to his billing as the awkward cuss who makes life difficult for the opposition in scrum and maul. An articulate and affable man in a jacket, he becomes a belligerent opponent when wearing a Wasps or England jersey.

SCORERS: Saracens: Penalty goals: Rudling (3). Wasps: Try: Oti. Conversion: Buzza. Penalties: Buzza (2).
SARACENS: A Tunningley; D O'Leary, J Buckton, D Dooley, S Reed; B Rudling, B Davies; R Andrews, G Botterman, S Wilson, C Tarbuck, M Langley, L Adamson, J Cassell, B Crawley.
WASPS: A Buzza; L Scrace, F Clough, G Childs, C Oti; A Thompson, S Bates; G Holmes, K Dunn, J Probyn, F Emeruwa, R Kinsey, D Ryan, M White, M Greenwood.
Referee: D Sainsbury (Sussex).

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Courage Clubs Championship
First division

BATH 61 RUGBY 7
Bath: Tries: Adebayo (2), Barnes (2), O'Leary, Robinson, Redman, Webb, Guscott. Cons: Webb (5). Pens: Webb (2). Rugby: Try: Riley. Con: Pell.

L IRISH 6 GLOUCESTER 18
London Irish: Pen: Corcoran. Dropped goal: Burke. Gloucester: Tries: Roberts, penalty try. Con: Roberts. Pens: Roberts (2).

L SCOTTISH 10 W HARTLEPOOL 15
London Scottish: Try: Wichary. Con: Wichary. Pen: Wichary. West Hartlepool: Tries: Cooke, Whitelock. Con: Stabler. Pen: Stabler.

NORTHAMPTON 12 LEICESTER 13
Northampton: Tries: Packman, Thorneycroft. Con: Steele. Leicester: Try: Back. Con: Liley. Pens: Liley (2).

ORRELL 18 HARLEQUINS 16
Orrell: Tries: Taberner, Cleary, Hamer. Pen: Ainscough. Harlequins: Tries: Thresher, Wedderburn. Pens: Challinor (2).

SARACENS 9 WASPS 13
Saracens: Pens: Rudling (3). Wasps: Try: Oti. Con: Buzza. Pens: Buzza (2).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wasps	7	7	0	0	119	59	14
Bath	7	6	0	1	216	57	12
Leicester	8	6	0	2	150	96	12
Northampton	7	5	0	2	85	72	10
Bristol	7	4	0	3	86	93	8
L Irish	8	4	0	4	110	155	8
Harlequins	8	3	1	4	141	125	7
Gloucester	7	3	0	4	97	88	6
Orrell	7	3	0	4	71	116	6
L Scottish	8	2	1	5	120	112	5
W Hartlepool	7	2	0	5	75	93	4
Saracens	8	1	0	7	64	131	2
Rugby	7	1	0	6	57	194	2

Second division

BLACKHEATH 18 ROSSLYN PK 14
Blackheath: Pens: Eagle (6). Rosslyn Park: Try: Barnett. Pens: Graves (3).

COVENTRY 13 RICHMOND 18
Coventry: Try: Hickey. Con: Harwood. Pens: Angell (2). Richmond: Tries: Hornung, Greenwood. Con: Clark. Pens: Clark (2).

NEWCASTLE G 17 WAKEFIELD 20
Newcastle Gosforth: Tries: Chandler, Douglas, Meadows. Con: Johnson. Wakefield: Tries: Sleightholme, penalty try. Cons: Liley (2). Pens: Liley (2).

NOTTINGHAM 19 FYLDE 8
Nottingham: Try: Pepper. Con: Gregory. Pens: Gregory (2). Dropped goals: Gregory (2). Fylde: Try: Gough. Pen: Barclay.

SALE 6 MOSELEY 13
Sale: Pens: Gae (2). Moseley: Try: Parry. Con: Read-Daunter. Pens: Read-Daunter (2).

WATERLOO 28 BEDFORD 8
Waterloo: Tries: Saverimutto, Fraser, Handley. Cons: Grayson (2). Pens: Grayson (2). Dropped goal: Grayson. Bedford: Try: Whetstone. Pen: Finnie.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Waterloo	8	7	0	1	155	85	14
Nottingham	8	6	0	2	209	91	12
N Gosforth	7	6	0	1	139	57	12
Wakefield	8	5	1	2	117	75	11
Sale	8	4	1	3	144	68	9
Moseley	7	3	2	2	106	88	8
Bedford	7	3	2	2	91	114	8
Blackheath	7	3	1	3	102	140	7
Richmond	8	3	0	5	138	139	6
Coventry	7	2	0	5	111	116	4
Rosslyn Pk	7	2	0	5	92	113	4
Fylde	7	0	1	6	67	175	1
Morley	7	0	0	7	42	252	0

Third division

Askeans	23	Aspatria	16
Broughton Pk	10	Otley	21
Exeter	21	Havant	18
Liverpool St H	21	Clifton	8
Redruth	11	Sheffield	20

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Otley	7	6	0	1	153	70	12
Exeter	6	5	1	0	143	75	11
Havant	7	5	1	1	112	65	11
Redruth	8	5	1	2	123	88	11
Sheffield	7	4	0	3	97	86	8
Clifton	7	3	1	3	134	97	7
Liverpool St H	6	3	0	3	90	77	6
Askeans	6	3	0	3	76	129	6
Leeds	6	2	0	4	85	105	4
Broughton Pk	8	1	0	7	94	168	2
Aspatria	6	1	0	5	84	168	2
Plymouth A	6	0	0	6	66	129	0

Fourth division north

Durham	10	Rotherham	28
Harrogate	36	Preston G	3
Hereford	19	Stourbridge	19
Kendal	25	Towcestrians	13
Nuneaton	9	Walsall	16
Stoke	20	Winnington Pk	9

Fourth division south

Basingstoke	10	Met Police	6
Camborne	11	Southend	6
H Wycombe	22	Maidstone	5
Lydney	6	L Welsh	6
Nth Walsham	8	Sudbury	20
Weston-s-Mare	23	Thurrock	0

LEADING SCORERS: First division: 93: J Webb (Bath; 3 tries, 18 conversions, 14 penalty goals). 82: J Liley (Leicester; 2t, 12c, 16pg). 72: M Corcoran (London Irish; 1t, 2c, 21pg). 57: S Thresher (Harlequins; 3t, 9c, 8pg). 53: A Buzza (Wasps; 2t, 5c, 11pg). 45: J Stabler (West Hartlepool; 1t, 2c, 12pg). 42: J Steele (Northampton; 3c, 12pg). 38: B Rudling (Saracens; 1c, 11pg, 1 dropped goal). 37: T Smith (Gloucester; 2c, 11pg); M Appleson (London Scottish; 2t, 3c, 7pg). Second division: 85: P Grayson (Waterloo; 1t, 7c, 18pg, 4dg). 79: D Johnson (Newcastle Gosforth; 1t, 10c, 16pg, 2dg). 78: G Gregory (Nottingham; 1t, 10c, 10pg, 7dg). 68: M Livesey (Richmond; 1t, 9c, 13pg, 2dg). 67: G Eagle (Blackheath, 1t, 4c, 17pg, 1dg). 64: R Liley (Wakefield; 1t, 7c, 14pg, 1dg). 48: N Marment (Bedford; 3c, 14pg). 43: P Gee (Sale, 1t, 4c, 9pg, 1dg). 39: J Graves (Rosslyn Park, 13pg). Third division: 83: A Green (Exeter; 7c, 21pg, 2dg). 78: P Rutledge (Otley; 2t, 7c, 18pg). 70: K Thomas (Redruth; 1t, 4c, 19pg). 53: A Higgin (Liverpool St Helens; 1c, 16pg, 1dg). 51: A Harrison (Aspatria; 3c, 15pg). 46: M Rodgers (Sheffield; 5c, 12pg); C Taylor (Askeans; 1t, 4c, 10pg, 1dg). 44: S Hogg (Clifton; 1t, 3c, 9pg, 2dg). 38: R Ashworth (Havant; 2t, 2c, 6pg).

Heineken Welsh League
First division

ABERAVON 6 NEWBRIDGE 12
Aberavon: Pens: Love (2). Newbridge: Tries: Waters, Fealey. Con: Haywood.

SWANSEA 15 MAESTEG 11
Swansea: Tries: Weatherley, Williams. Con: Williams. Pen: Williams. Maesteg: Try: Thomas. Pens: Edwards (2).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swansea	14	13	0	1	397	178	26
Cardiff	13	12	0	1	411	146	24
Llanelli	13	10	1	2	468	167	21
Neath	13	10	0	3	309	226	20
Bridgend	14	6	1	7	246	254	13
Newport	11	5	0	6	225	276	10
Pontypridd	13	4	2	7	216	238	10
Pontypool	13	5	0	8	248	324	10
Aberavon	14	4	0	10	193	304	8
Newbridge	13	4	0	9	152	288	8
Maesteg	14	2	1	11	178	348	5
S Wales Pol	13	1	1	11	124	409	3

Second division

Glamorgan Wndrs 3 Dunvant 17

THIRD DIVISION: Aberavon Quins 0, Treorchy 3; Abercynon 25, Kenfig Hill 3; Bonymaen 19, Mountain Ash 6; Pontypool United 18, Rumney 7; St Peter's 25, Blackwood 17; Wrexham 9, Tumble 8.

FOURTH DIVISION: Cardiff HSOB Quins 23, Garndiffaith 8; Cardigan 17, Kidwelly 18; Colwyn Bay 8, Cilfynydd 7; Tondu 17, Builth Wells 13; Vardre 12, Carmarthen 11; Ystradgynlais 29, Ruthin 3.

McEwan's Scottish League
First division

BOROUGHMUIR 7 EDINBURGH AC 10
Boroughmuir: Try: Smith. Con: Walker. Edinburgh Academicals: Try: Porter. Con: Shepherd. Dropped goal: Shepherd.

DUNDEE HSFP 6 STIRLING CO 9
Dundee HSFP: Try: J Newton. Pen: J Newton. Stirling County: Pens: Stewart (3).

GALA 8 JED-FOREST 6
Gala: Try: Swan. Pen: Learmonth. Jed-Forest: Pens: McKechnie (2).

GLASGOW HK 18 MELROSE 33
Glasgow High Kelvinside: Tries: Hawkes (2). Con: Breckenridge. Pens: Breckenridge (2). Melrose: Tries: R Brown, C Redpath, Turnbull, Parker. Cons: Parker (2). Pens: Parker (3).

HERIOTS FP 30 WATSONIANS 15
Heriot's FP: Tries: Lawrie (3), Murray, Gilmour. Con: Lawrie. Pen: Lawrie. Watsonians: Pens: G Hastings (5).

KELSO 6 HAWICK 20
Kelso: Pens: Aitchison (2). Hawick: Tries: Stanger (3). Con: Oliver. Pen: Oliver.

SELKIRK 9 CURRIE 12
Selkirk: Pens: Brett (3). Currie: Pens: Donaldson (3). Dropped goal: Donaldson.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Melrose	9	8	0	1	224	92	16
Edinburgh Ac	9	7	0	2	198	118	14
Gala	8	7	0	1	157	103	14
Boroughmuir	9	6	0	3	190	111	12
Jed-Forest	8	4	1	3	105	114	9
Currie	8	4	1	3	117	135	9
Hawick	8	4	0	4	161	125	8
Kelso	9	4	0	5	169	204	8
Glasgow HK	9	3	1	5	195	166	7
Stirling Co	8	3	0	5	92	112	6
Watsonians	9	3	0	6	145	177	6
Heriot's FP	8	2	1	5	163	226	5
Selkirk	8	2	0	6	114	228	4
Dundee HSFP	9	1	0	8	100	228	2

Second division

Ayr	22	Edinburgh W	16
Clarkston	6	Glasgow Ac	6
Kirkcaldy	55	Wigtownshire	17
Musselburgh	23	Grangemouth	0
Peebles	29	Dunfermline	8
Stewarts Mel FP	53	Kilmarnock	0
W of Scotland	26	Preston Lodge	12

THIRD DIVISION: Haddington 25, Morgan Academy FP 5; Howe of Fife 9, Portobello FP 0; Dumfries 12; Hillhead Jordanhill 18; Gordonians 25, Biggar 29; Corstorphine 25, Perthshire 3.

FOURTH DIVISION: Linlithgow 10, Leith Academicals 34; Dalziel HSFP 6, Alloa 0; Edinburgh University 14, Cambuslang 0; Aberdeen GSFP 59, Lismore 12.

Insurance Corporation All Ireland League
First division

Ballymena	17	Old Wesley	19
St Mary's Col	30	Dungannon	12
Y Munster	3	Greystones	3

POSTPONED: Garryowen v Shannon.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Constitution	4	4	0	0	84	59	8
Y Munster	5	3	1	1	71	56	7
St Mary's Col	4	3	0	1	100	48	6
Greystones	4	2	1	1	67	54	5
Garryowen	4	2	0	2	82	59	4
Old Wesley	5	2	0	3	64	108	4
Ballymena	4	1	0	3	44	68	2
Dungannon	5	1	0	4	82	121	2

Second division

Bangor	16	Instonians	22
Clontarf	3	Wanderers	25
Lansdowne	16	Blackrock Col	6
Old Crescent	9	Dolphin	12
Terenure	31	Galwegians	15

Club matches

Bristol	54	Loughborough St	10
Cross Keys	24	Pontypool	28
Llanelli	34	Narberth	19
Morley	22	Leeds	15
Neath	40	Llandovery	13
Newport	38	Penarth	7
Pontypridd	42	Llanharan	3

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Courage Clubs Championship: First division: Barking 12, Streatham and Croydon 12; Guildford and Godalming 27, Dorking 3; Old Colfeians 28, Tabard 26; Old Gaytonians 11, Eton Manor 11; Old Mid-Whitgiftians 23, Old Alleynian 8; Sidcup 6, Ealing 27. Second division north: Chingford 17, Old Edwardians 3; Ipswich 13, Cheshunt 16; Lensbury 12, Ruislip 30; Norwich 17, Cambridge 3; Upper Clapton 0, Bishop's Stortford 13; Woodford 23 Finchley 20. Second division south: Gravesend 7, Camberley 19; KCS Old Boys 19, Esher 9; Old Juddian 21, Worthing 13; Old Reigatian 43, US Portsmouth 16; Thanet Wanderers 21, Lewes 5. Third division north east: Grasshoppers 25, Old Merchant Taylors' 15; Harpenden 5, Staines 19; Letchworth 5, Welwyn 3; Old Elizabethans 8, Hertford 3; Old Millhillians 3, Old Albanians 15, Old Verulamians 23, Kingsburians 3. Third division north east: Campion 5, Braintree 3; Canvey Island 5, Brentwood 35; Rochford 20, Basildon 12; Romford and Gidea Park 40, Cantabrigian 0; Westcliff 11, Colchester 12, Woodbridge 16, Chelmsford 15. Third division south east: Beckenham 8, Hove 10; Brighton 0, Horsham 0; East Grinstead 21, Crawley 0; Gillingham Anchorians 15, Dartfordians 6; Old Brockleians 10, Old Beccehamian 15. Third division south west: Cranleigh 6, Eastleigh 0; Guy's Hospital 23, Winchester 15; Old Emanuel 11, Jersey 24; Old Wimbledonians 39, Millbrook 13; Portsmouth 26, Alton 10; Warlingham 6, Purley 5. Herts and Middlesex: Antlers 3, Twickenham 14; Haringey 47, Centaurs 19; Harrow 14, Hitchin 12, Hemel Hempstead 13, Uxbridge 6; London New Zealand 11, St Mary's Hospital 6; Old Meadonians 15, Stevenage 6. Middlesex: Civil Service 13, Old Abbotstonians 9; Hackney 18, Orleans FP 3; Hampstead 27, Old Isleworthians 0; Mill Hill 42, Hammersmith and Fulham 5; Roxeth Manor OB 27, Old Grammarians 0; Sudbury Court 0, Wembley 5. Eastern Counties: Bancroft 7, West Norfolk 26; Bury St Edmunds 20, Maldon 11; Crusaders 17, Newmarket 22; Lowestoft 26, Ravens 12; Upminster 51, Wanstead 0. Kent: Betteshanger 3, Sevenoaks 8; Bromley 14, Park House 35; Canterbury 34, Medway 0; New Ash Green 15, Snowdown Colliery 0; Sheppey 3, Metropolitan Police Hayes 5; Tonbridge 14, Old Dunstonian 21. Surrey: Cobham 18, Old Reedonians 18; Kingston 0, Mitcham 0; Old Rutlishians 3, Wimbledon 16; Old Whitgiftians 14, Old Guildfordians 30; Raynes Park 13, John Fisher Old Boys 3; Shirley Wanderers 0, University Vandals 10. Sussex: Bognor 14, Eastbourne 22; Burgess Hill 0; Haywards Heath 26; Hastings 21, St Francis 3; Hellingly 0, Heathfield 27; Old Brightonians 5, Seaford 10; Lickfield 13, Crowborough 5. Hampshire: Andover 54, Fareham Heathens 0; Esso (Fawley) 11, Farnborough 31; Gosport and Fareham 27, Petersfield 10; Guernsey 7, Southampton 11; Isle of Wight 0, Tottonians 5; Sandown 6, New Milton 9. Hertfordshire: Barnet 51, Queen Elizabeth Hospital 3, Hatfield 34, Old Stanfordians 7; St Albans 59, Royston 0; Bacavians 7, Watford 5.

SOUTH WEST: Courage Clubs Championship: First division: Brixham 18, St Ives 17; Cheltenham 13, Salisbury 22; Cinderford 0, Reading 11; Henley 28, Newbury 20; Penryn 3, Torquay 7; Sherborne 6, Maidenhead 6. Second division: Aylesbury 8; Oxford 5; Barnstaple 20, Clevedon 11; Combe Down 17, Marlow 10; Matson 8, Bridgwater 3; Old Culverhaysians 11, Taunton 26; Windsor 13, Stroud 16. Western Counties: Avonmouth 3, Launceston 7; Bideford 6, Penzance-Newlyn 25; Crediton 3, Okehampton 5; Drybrook 9, Gloucester Old Boys 25; Plymouth CS 3, Spartans 22; Wiveliscombe 8, Tiverton 19. Southern Counties: Abbey 11, Redingensians 8; Bicester 11, Swanage and Wareham 6; Bletchley 0, Dorchester 16; Chippenham 12, Bracknell 14; Olney 6, Bournemouth 14; Slough 10, Wimborne 15. Cornwall and Devon: Bude 25, Exmouth 6, Devonport Services 12, Ivybridge 8; Exeter Saracens 0, Hayle 3; Liskeard-Looe 15, Teignmouth 5; Newquay Hornets 10, Sidmouth 15; Saltash 3, Truro 42. Gloucester and Somerset: Bristol Harlequins 0, Frome 8; Cirencester 0, Old Bedcollians 13; Coney Hill 0, Keynsham 14; Dings Crusaders 12, Old Patesians 0; Old Sulians 8, Whitehall 20; Thornbury 3, Oldfield Old Boys 15. Berkshire, Dorset and Wiltshire: Aldermaston 3, Swindon 17; Bournemouth Poly 15, Corsham 32; Devizes 10, Melksham 17; Lytchett Minster 12, Wootton Bassett 20; North Dorset 0, Bradford-on-Avon 28. Bucks and Oxon: Abingdon 3, Milton Keynes 3; Beaconsfield 5, Witney 3; Chesham 14, Pennanians 23; Chinnor 46, Buckingham 7; Drifters 0, Oxford Marathon 15; Oxford Old Boys 38, Wheatley 8.

MIDLANDS: Courage Clubs Championship: First division: Barkers Butts 24, Newark 16; Camp Hill 16, Mansfield 11; Derby 9, Leamington 8, Leighton Buzzard 12, Westleigh 6; Paviors 3, Birmingham Solihull 20; Vipers 0, Syston 27; Wolverhampton 5, Bedworth 5. Second division: Bedford Athletic 24, Peterborough 11; Broad Street 20, Moderns 0; Burton 21, Matlock 5; Whitchurch 7, Stockwood Park 8; Worcester 53, Stafford 7. First division east: Amber Valley 3, Scunthorpe 10; Belgrave 8, Luton 3; Chesterfield 16, Hinckley 12; West Bridgford 8, Spalding 29. Second division: Coalville 10, South Leicester 8; Kesteven 3, Lutterworth 3, Kettering 23, Long Buckby 18; Market Rasen and Louth 3, Lincoln 17; Wellingborough 18, Stamford 10; Worksop 21, Southwell 12. First division west: Bromsgrove 32, Old Leamingtonians 0; Dudley 3, Old Halesonians 15; Kings Norton 28, Newcastle (Staffs) 8; Leek 9, Newbold 5; Sutton Coldfield 21, Old Yardleians 16; Willenhall 14, Old Longtonians 3. Second division: Aston OE 50, Shrewsbury 5; Coventry Welsh 12, Selly Oak 44; Dixonians 7, Old Laurentians 0; Handsworth 0, Nuneaton OE 35, West Midlands Police 7; Tamworth 14; Woodrush 5, Stratford-upon-Avon 5. East Midlands and Leicester: First division: Aylestone St James 10, Market Bosworth 0; Kibworth 16, Daddy Wyggestonians 8; Melton Mowbray 3, Huntingdon 10; St Neots 13, Northampton OS 14. North Midlands: First division: Bridgnorth 15, Redditch 14; Evesham 22, Pershore 5; Five Ways OE 18, Old Griffinians 0; Luctonians 43, Old Centrals 3; Veseyans 34, Telford 14; Worley 13, Ross-on-Wye 5. Notts, Lincs and Derby: Ashbourne 19, All Spartans 3; Bakewell Mannerians 25, Ilkeston 7; Long Eaton 22, East Retford 0; Nottinghamians 5, Grimsby 20; Sleaford 10, Keyworth 6. Staffs and Warwicks: First division: Coventry Saracens 5, Old Wheatleyans 3; Dunlop 0, Old Coventrians 13, Eccleshall 0, Manor Park 31; GEC Coventry 41, Linley 0; Uttoxeter 3, Trinity Guild 46.

NORTH: Courage Clubs Championship: First division: Hull Ionians 20, Wharfedale 8; Lymm 3, Bradford and Bingley 35; Middlesbrough 18, Hartlepool Rovers 0; Stockton 8, Widnes 3; Vale of Lune 15, Northern 15; Wigton 3, Sandal 3. Second division: Alnwick 27, Birkenhead Park 0; Huddersfield 23, Wigan 3; Manchester 43, Halifax 14; Sandbach 8, West Park (St Helens) 33; West Park Bramhope 25, Northwich 0; York 17, Carlisle 9. North West: First division: Blackburn 8, St Edwards OB 8; Caldy 31, Sedgley Park 27; Chester 24, Wirral 8; Egremont 8, New Brighton 13; Macclesfield 21, Ashton on Mersey 5; Merseyside Police 15, Cockermouth 10. Second division: Kirkby Lonsdale 13, Old Salians 8; Netherhall 10, Oldershaw 18; Ormskirk 60, Wilmslow 10; Rochdale 13, South Liverpool 5; Rossendale 12, Old Aldwinians 6. Cumbria and Lancashire North: De la Salle (Salford) 11, Tyldesley 5; Metrovick 6, Calder Vale 11; Oldham 17, Moresby 13; Penrith 37, Keswick 0; St Benedicts 7, Upper Eden 3; Vickers 5, Furness 5. Cheshire and Lancashire South: Altrincham Kersal 11, Aspull 5; Crewe and Nantwich 9, Eagle 3; Liverpool Collegiate 7, St Mary's OB 21, Newton-le-Willows 5, Leigh 23; Southport 6, Ruskin Park 35. North East: First division: Blaydon 3, Pontefract 3; Bridlington 8, Morpeth 3; Gateshead Fell 3, Old Brodleians 15; Redcar 36, Bramley 15, Selby 11, Novocastrians 11; Thornensians 5, Keighley 9. Second division: Ackiam 8, Ripon 19; Beverley 3, Hull 27; Bishop Auckland 23, Blyth 21; Cleckheaton 15, Ashington 0; Horden 19, Driffield 20; Westoe 3, Doncaster 17. Durham and Northumberland: Consett 0, Whitby 15; Darlington RA 18, Percy Park 12; Guisborough 20, Mowden Park 7, Ryton 6, Sunderland 17, Seaham 41, Seghill 13; West Hartlepool TDS Old Boys 18, Hartlepool 8. Yorkshire: Castleford 0, Bradford Salem 42; Leodiensians 13, Hemsworth 6, Malton and Norton 35, Old Otliensians 17, Pocklington 3, Goole 8; Sheffield Oaks 8, North Ribblesdale 6; Yarnbury 42, York RI 10.

WALES: Club matches: Barry 32, Pontyclun 6; Bedwas 0, Rhymney 3; Blaengarw 7, Briton Ferry 8; Brynmawr 8, Blaenau Gwent 3; Cross Keys 24, Pontypool 28; Cwmbran 50, Crossycelliog 0; Cwmgwrach 8, Pontyberem 22; Resolven 19, Llanhilleth 12; Llanelli 39, Narberth 19; Llandaff North 3, Cowbridge 7; Llantwit Fardre 5, Penygraig 15, Merthyr 21, Nelson 6; Nantymoel 42, Cwmavon 12; Neath 40, Llandovery 13, Neath Athletic 3, Maesteg Celtic 11; Newport 38, Penarth 7, Newport Saracens 22, North Bristol 3; Oakdale 8, Caldicot 8; Ogmore Vale 3, Aberavon Green Stars 22; Old Penarthians 54, Heol y Cyw 10; Pontycymmer 0, Bridgend Sports 13; Porthcawl 30, British Steel PT 0; Pontypridd 42, Llanharan 3; Pyle 44, Bridgend Athletic 7; Rhiwbina 13, Llandaff 12; Risca 7, Abercarn 19; RTB Ebbw Vale 12, Usk 0; St Joseph's 0, Pentyrch 18, Tylorstown 18, Aberaman 31; Ynysybwl 3, Hirwaun 3, Ystrad Rhondda 9, Gilfach Goch 0.

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Former West Country point-to-pointer continues climb up steeplechasing ladder

Rushing Wild 6-1 to complete a fairytale

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

THE workaholic and perfectionist streak in Martin Pipe prevents the champion trainer from being a natural holidaymaker. Since being ordered by his wife last week to take a break in Tenerife to rest an old leg injury, Pipe has hardly been off the telephone, checking runners, entries and the day-to-day details of life at his Pond House stables in Somerset.

The cost of the telephone bill will be larger than the price of the holiday tickets — as it was when Caroline Pipe persuaded a somewhat reluctant husband to go to the West Indies a couple of years ago — but every penny spent on Saturday listening to telephone commentaries of his horses running will have been worth it after hearing how Rushing Wild won the Anthony Mildmay, Peter Cazalet Chase at Sandown in dazzling style. The eight-year-old is now 6-1 second favourite for the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

Tomorrow, Pipe returns from his sunshine break to finalise the realisation of a West Country dream which began in a Sussex field four years ago.

On a summer's day in 1989, Richard Barber, a leading point-to-point handler from Seaborough, near Chard, took John Keighley to look at a handsome but backward-looking four-year-old bred by Mary Ann Baker near Pulborough.

Keighley, the quietly-spoken boss of a motor components company, had enjoyed previous point-to-point success with Barber as well as Shannagary, trained by Ron Hodges, since moving from the Midlands to Dorset in 1975. But he was keen to buy a horse with long-term National Hunt potential.

Rushing Wild fitted the bill and a four-figure deal was concluded. "He looked a really nice strong chasing type that would be able to carry plenty of weight," Barber recalled yesterday.

Barber plays down his role when it comes to horses. A 51-year-old dairy farmer, with around 800 acres, he would have you believe point-to-pointing is just a hobby which offers added entertainment for the winter months. Maybe. He also happens to be one of the shrewdest judges of horseflesh, his talents being rewarded with 27 winners between the flags last season.

A patient preparation saw Rushing Wild travel to one point-to-point meeting as a five-year-old, only to return home without running due to firm ground. After a gentle debut a season later, in which he finished a highly-promising second, Rushing Wild remained unbeaten in his completed races (he ran out once).

By then he had shown sufficient ability to disown his nickname of Turtle, awarded to him by lasses in Barber's yard because, initially, he appeared slow.

As a seven-year-old he won the Beaufort Open, which persuaded Barber and Keighley to have a crack at the Foxhunter Chase at the Cheltenham festival last March. He bolted in by 25 lengths.

A fall at Aintree was followed by a Chepstow success achieved despite not being fully fit and, as it transpired, having two vertebrae trapped.

As Rushing Wild began a long summer holiday, which saw his weight climb to 620 kilos, Barber and Keighley sat down to discuss what should happen next. Barber resisted suggestions that he should take out a full trainer's licence so that he could oversee the horse's campaign.

"My temperament would not stick it. I am not in the slightest bit interested in having a full licence. I don't like travelling miles to watch racing. What I do provides backup for our entertainment in winter," he said modestly.

"When people started ringing up and offering telephone numbers for the horse, as they did at the end of last season, I didn't want the responsibility of training something with a £100,000 price-tag."

Barber was convinced that whoever trained Rushing Wild must have a swimming pool. "When you have a horse of his weight and size, the more work you can do swimming, the less pressure you put on their legs."

In the end, the choice of Pipe was easy. Barber has been a admirer of his professionalism for years, not to mention his swimming pool.

The fancy financial offers for Rushing Wild in recent weeks and months are not tempting Keighley to sell.

"We have had so much fun in the West Country over the last few years. The people here have followed Rushing Wild and I consider he is part and parcel of the West Country scene. He belongs to the West Country as much as me," he said yesterday.

All of which begs the question: can Rushing Wild complete the fairytale at Cheltenham on March 18?

Christopher Mordaunt, the Jockey Club handicapper, was impressed with the style of his Sandown success and is considering raising him by more than a stone to a mark somewhere between Jodami (149) and Run For Free (157). In theory, he needs to improve by another stone to match The Fellow (167).

With Pipe masterminding his progress, such improvement could be forthcoming. I bet the master of Pond House cannot wait to return home.

Wild flowers: Rushing Wild jumps the second last clear of his field at Sandown on Saturday to underline his Cheltenham Gold Cup claims

Lingfield off

Today's National Hunt turf meeting at Lingfield was called off after an inspection yesterday because the course is waterlogged. No problems are reported for Southwell's all-weather Flat card.

Glencloud leaves raiders to reflect on hard-luck tales

From Dick Hinder in Dublin

THE British were licking their wounds after missing out in a three-way photo finish to The Ladbroke at Leopardstown on Saturday.

Noel Meade's 20-1 chance Glencloud kept the Ir£34,700 first prize at home after holding the Sussex raider Kilcash by a neck. Atone was a short head away third with another strong British fancy, Native Mission, half a length back in fourth place.

If Peter Hedger's Kilcash was undoubtedly the unlucky horse in running, it was Native Mission, bought by Jimmy Fitzgerald out of Tony Budge's dispersal sale, who should have scooped the prize.

Mark Dwyer acknowledged that he made the cardinal error of going too soon on the Yorkshire hope, who was demoted from third place in this event last year.

Striding clear two flights from home, Native Mission still had a three-length advantage at the last, but his stride shortened dramatically on the run-in and he was swallowed up.

Dwyer admitted: "I really messed it up. The horse was going so well two out I didn't want to disappoint him and kicked on. I thought I could win it up the inner. I'm absolutely gutted."

Fitzgerald added ruefully: "The last thing I told Mark as we were saddling up was 'the better you're going, the longer you wait — and look what happened'." The Malton trainer has the Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury in mind for a recovery mission.

Kilcash, after holding a prominent position, lost ground three out but then stayed on again. Despite landing flat-footed over the last, he showed the utmost gameness in fighting his way back into the firing line only to see Glencloud, challenging on the outside, snatch the spoils.

Adding insult to injury, Kilcash's jockey Mark Richards received a four-day ban for careless riding after causing interference on the run-in. The stewards, however, deemed he had not improved his position as a result of the misdemeanour and allowed the placings to stand.

Vintage Crop's defection because of lameness was a bitter disappointment to the big crowd but the competitive finish more than made up for that.

A delighted Meade reported that he intends to train Glencloud for the County Hurdle at Cheltenham.

He said: "When one of my runners, Random Prince, fell at the first, I didn't think it was going to be my day. But it all came right in the end. Glencloud is a tough little fellow who loves Leopardstown and, although Gerry O'Neill was only booked on Wednesday to ride him, he did a super job."

Meade reported that his star novice hurdler Tiananmen Square has just had his first gallop after pulling a muscle when beating Bayrouge impressively at Navan last month.

"He really is an exciting horse who has different gears. I want to give him two more runs in Ireland for experience and then go for the Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham," he added.

Another festival pointer came when last year's winner of The Ladbroke, How's The Boss, produced an agile display of jumping to win the Fitzpatricks Hotel Group Chase by four lengths. He will surely give Sybillin and Wonder Man plenty to think about in the Arkle Trophy.

On a sadder note, Tommy Stack's unbeaten Reza Khan broke down badly in winning the Fitzpatricks Castle Hurdle and will be off the course for at least a year.

Leopardstown result

Going: yielding

2.25 THE LADBROKE (Extended handicap hurdle Ir£34,700. 2m)

1. GLENCLOUD (G M O'Neill, 20-1). 2. Kilcash (M Richards, 9-1); 3. Atone (K F O'Brien, 14-1). 4, Native Mission (M Dwyer, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 6 fav Eyefed (5th). 17-2 Bittabamber (6th). 9 Foy Lin (11th). 12 Tawney Flame (8th). 14 Allerezza (7th). Cock Cockburn (f). Lady Olen (f). 16 Ink By The Drum (6th). 20 Rising Waters (19th). Lamaca (f). 25 Natural Ability (10th). 33 Keppels Prince (12th). Back Door Johnny (21st). 40 Statajack (18th). 66 Naysan (13th). Nordic Gayle (14th). Killnoy Graduate (15th). Persuasive (16th). Mr Greenfield (17th). Random Prince (ur). 100 Master Swordsman. 25 ran. NR: Vintage Crop. Doran's Town Lad. Nk, sh hd, ½l, ¾l, nk, 1l, 2½l, nk, 1l, 2l, 1½l, 2½l, 1½l, 1½l, ½l, 12l, 1l, 1¾l, 2l, 4l. N Meade in Ireland. Tote: £17.00; £3.80; £2.60; £3.60; £2.90. DF: £136.50. CSF: £174.96. Tricast: £2,390.03. 4min 00.30sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood

Turnell revises thinking on Katabatic's best distance

ANDY Turnell is likely to keep Katabatic to two miles after his defeat over half a mile further in the £50,000 Mitsubishi Shogun Newton Chase at Haydock on Saturday.

Katabatic, who lost his two-mile champion chaser crown to Remittance Man at Cheltenham last season, was beaten three lengths by Gold Options after a dour struggle on the run-in.

"The winner outstayed him and there are no excuses," Turnell said. "It turned into a stayers' race and we were beaten fair and square.

"I think I've changed my mind now about Katabatic getting three miles and he'll go to Newbury next for the Game Spirit Chase before another crack at the Queen Mother Champion Chase. This has proved to me that Katabatic is a speed horse, so I think we'll stick to two miles."

Gold Options was ridden by Lorcan Wyer, who replaced Mark Dwyer, on duty on The Ladbroke fourth Native Mission in Ireland. It was the sixteenth and much the most valuable prize netted by Gold Options in his 46-race jumping career.

Tim Fitzgerald, representing his father, Jimmy, said: "You would have thought that Katabatic would take a lot of beating. But if you don't run, you can't win."

The Fitzgerald camp completed a 59-1 double when Otterburn House, ridden by Derek Byrne, won the New Year Handicap Chase.

At Warwick, Black Humour booked his place in the Cheltenham Gold Cup field with a fine display of jumping to beat odds-on Bradbury Star in the Warwick Premier Chase.

Turnell: intends to keep Katabatic to two miles

Partnered by Graham Bradley, he struck the front seven out and never looked like being caught. Bradbury Star got to within four lengths on the home turn, but Declan Murphy had to work to get him there and he could make no impression from two out.

"Brad told me not to run him again until Cheltenham," said Charlie Brooks, the winning trainer.

The sticky ground was a possible reason for Bradbury Star's defeat, but trainer Josh Gifford offered no excuse. "We were probably just beaten by a very good horse on the day," he said.

Her Honour, the ante-post favourite for the Triumph Hurdle, was a beaten 5-1 on favourite in the Leasowes Novices' Hurdle, failing by half a length against 33-1 chance Suez Canal.

Dave Pipe, representing his son, Martin, made no excuse for Her Honour. "I wouldn't blame the ground, she just wasn't good enough," he said.

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Sandown Park

Going: good to soft, good in places (chase course); soft, back straight good to soft (hurdles).

1.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Kadi (R Dunwoody, 8-1); 2, Dissimulateur (3-1); 3, Lonesome Train (20-1). Major Bugler 5-2 fav. 17 ran. 2½l, nk. D Nicholson. Tote: £8.90; £2.80; £2.00; £4.30. DF: £11.70. CSF: £31.13.

1.30 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Forest Sun (A Maguire, 5-4 fav); 2, Lake Teereen (13-2); 3, Fighting Words (11-2). 11 ran. 1½l, 1l. G Balding. Tote: £2.00; £1.40; £1.80; £1.70. DF: £6.90. CSF: £9.01.

2.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Sun Surfer (C Llewellyn, 7-1); 2, Dreamers Delight (4-1); 3, Thumbs Up (12-1). Big Bear 6-4 fav. 7 ran. Nk, 10l. T Forster. Tote: £7.10; £3.30; £2.00. DF: £11.90. CSF: £30.58.

2.35 (2m ch) 1, Emsee-H (A Maguire, 6-1); 2, Al Hashmi (15-8); 3, Elfast (15-8 fav). 8 ran. 3½l, 15l. F Murphy. Tote: £5.20; £2.10; £1.50. DF: £5.00. CSF: £16.55.

3.05 (3m 5f 110yd ch) 1, Rushing Wild (P Scudamore, Evens fav; Mandarin's nap & Private Handicappers's top rating); 2, Cool Ground (16-1); 3, Nick The Brief (33-1). 11 ran. NR: Ginus A Buck, 25l, 25l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.00; £1.30; £2.30; £5.50. DF: £15.10. CSF: £16.35. Tric: £118.30. Tricast: £303.56.

3.35 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Sausalito Boy (P Scudamore, 11-2 fav); 2, Royal Piper (13-2); 3, Brora Rose (8-1); 4, Dolly Oats (50-1). 16 ran. NR: Church Star. 10l, 3l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £7.30; £2.00; £2.20; £1.80; £12.40. DF: £30.20. CSF: £40.44. Tricast: £210.69.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £2,868.93 carried forward to Ascot on Friday).

Placepot: £85.60.

Haydock Park

12.45 1, Celcius (5-4 fav); 2, Wakeshen (14-1); 3, Rasva (11-1). 15 ran.

1.15 1, Whispering Steel (5-4 fav); 2, Gale Again (11-8); 3, Miami Bear (33-1). 6 ran.

1.45 1, Valfinet (4-5 fav); 2, Bollin William (5-1); 3, Sweet N' Twenty (16-1). 7 ran.

2.15 1, Gold Options (14-1); 2, Katabatic (4-5 fav); 3, Kings Fountain (7-2). 6 ran.

2.45 1, Otterburn House (3-1). 2, Mr Boston (12-1); 3, Felle Na Hinse (50-1). Senator Snugfit 11-4 fav. 9 ran.

3.15 1, Lo Stregone (2-5 fav); 2, Ask For More (20-1); 3, Extra Beat (50-1). 10 ran.

Warwick

12.50 1, Macadonas (4-1); 2, Truhool (9-2); 3, Red Jack (8-1). Ballyford 2-1 fav. 12 ran.

1.20 1, Suez Canal (33-1); 2, Her Honour (1-5 fav); 3, Rock Hard (50-1). 13 ran.

1.50 1, Black Humour (4-1); 2, Bradbury Star (8-11 fav); 3, Glenbrook D'Or (9-1). 8 ran.

2.20 1, Kitchi Koo (25-1); 2, Jailbreaker (6-1); 3, Tactical Mission (5-2 fav). 12 ran. NR: Mizyan.

2.50 1, Beach Road (7-2); 2, Kentish Piper (8-1); 3, Catch The Crows (7-4 fav). 7 ran

3.20 1, Rathvinden House (8-1); 2, French Charmer (11-2); 3, Winnie The Witch (7-4 fav). 16 ran.

3.50 1, Persian Sword (16-1); 2, Super Spell (8-1); 3, Prince Tino (4-1). Viaggio 7-2 fav 14 ran.

Lingfield Park

12.55 1, Splash Of Salt (4-11 fav); 2, Tae-Emm (8-1); 3, Purbeck Centenary (33-1). 5 ran.

1.25 1, Diamond Lucy (10-1); 2, High Summer (10-3); 3, Selbus (12-1). Sporting Maelle 9-4 fav. 13 ran

1.55 1, Scots Law (4-1); 2, Master Hyde (8-4 fav); 3, Serum (12-1). 7 ran.

2.25 1, Romanian (100-30); 2, Dr Zeva (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Scotoni (3-1 jt-fav). 7 ran.

2.55 1, Cariciwitz (9-2); 2, Crelose Dancer (6-1); 3, Taunting (8-1). Mentalasanything 7-2 fav. 13 ran.

3.25 1, Nobby Barnes (8-1); 2, Sirmoor (11-2); 3, Banbury Flyer (9-4 fav). 7 ran.

Blinkered first time

SOUTHWELL: 2.30 Swinging Tich. 3.00 Broughtons Formula.

NATIONAL HUNT LEADERS

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
R Dunwoody	89	49	47	5	-28.91
P Scudamore	71	41	25	0	+4.43
P Niven	56	32	21	1	+63.77
A Maguire	53	59	44	2	-23.15
J Osborne	44	24	26	22	+0.80
G McCourt	38	32	26	0	+22.66
N Doughty	37	18	18	3	-19.15
S McNeill	34	17	18	7	+8.84
C Llewellyn	32	24	23	1	+3.36
C Grant	31	28	24	6	-34.04

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
M Pipe	85	51	45	1	+6.66
G Richards	57	30	26	1	-14.29
D Nicholson	52	32	15	1	+47.74
Mrs M Reveley	45	21	23	2	-14.55
N Twiston-Davies	37	18	16	1	+25.47
W A Stephenson	35	25	24	—	-66.50
M Hammond	26	24	18	13	-15.35
Jimmy Fitzgerald	25	21	23	1	+7.40
N Henderson	25	19	18	6	-29.84
A Turnell	21	11	6	4	+16.69

SOUTHWELL

MANDARIN
1.30 Greenwich Chalenge.
2.00 Spencer's Revenge.
2.30 Swinging Tich.
3.00 MOONSTRUCK BARD (nap).
3.30 Rural Lad.
4.00 Atlantic Way.

THUNDERER
1.30 Nikki Noo Noo.
2.00 SPENCER'S REVENGE (nap).
2.30 Allinson's Mate.
3.00 Rose Flyer.
3.30 Johnston's Express.
4.00 Clifton Chase.

RICHARD EVANS: 1.30 Greenwich Chalenge.
2.00 SPENCER'S REVENGE (nap). 3.30 Company Cash.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 ALLINSON'S MATE.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

1.30 FISKERTON CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,343: 6f) (9 runners)

1 (1) 42024-1 GREENWICH CHALENGE 10 (V,C,S) (Julian Graves Ltd) C Smith 8-9 D McCabe (7) 98
2 (4) 45552-2 DAANIERA 7 (BF,S) (J Berry) J Berry 8-8 Emma O'Gorman (3) 91
3 (5) 01000-3 PINE RIDGE LAD 7 (F) (R Jenkinson) M Johnston 8-4 R P Elliott 80
4 (8) 03103-4 MARK'S CLUB 10 (G) (S Woodall) T Barron 8-2 Alex Greaves 92
5 (6) 531054- JORDYWRATH 40 (CD) (G Hopkins) B Palling 7-12 T Williams 83
6 (9) 05210-4 GIRL NEXT DOOR 7 (CD) (T Connors) J Pickering 7-11 D Wright (7) 92
7 (3) XUTE LUCY (A Dimmock) D Chapman 7-9 S Wood —
8 (2) 01400-1 NIKKI NOO NOO 7 (CD,F) (C Hill) C Hill 7-9 G Bardwell 88
9 (7) 000- BARLEY CAKE 54 (W Dobson) T Fairhurst 7-7 J Fanning 90

BETTING: 7-4 Nikki Noo Noo, 3-1 Greenwich Chalenge, 4-1 Daaniera, 7-1 Mark's Club, 8-1 Pine Ridge Lad, 10-1 Girl Next Door, 12-1 Jordywrath, 14-1 others.

1992: CRECHE 9-5 N Day (11-10 fav) Mrs N Macauley 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

GREENWICH CHALENGE beat Moonstruck Bard 2¾l in a 5-runner claimer here (AW, 7f), with MARK'S CLUB (5lb better off) 13¾l 4th. Previously, ¾l 2nd of 29 to Soaking in a at Newmarket (9f, good to firm), with BARLEY CAKE (6lb better off) 35¾l 8th. DAANIERA 2½l 2nd of 9 to Golden Klair in a claimer here last time out (AW, 7f), with GIRL NEXT DOOR 6½l 7th. GIRL NEXT DOOR neck 2nd of 13 to Splash Of Salt in a claimer over course and distance last month with JORDYWRATH (6lb better off) 4l 4th. NIKKI NOO NOO beat DAANIERA (same terms) 3l in a 10-runner claimer over course and distance, with PINE RIDGE LAD (2lb worse off) ¾l 3rd and GIRL NEXT DOOR (4lb better off) a neck 4th.
Selection: GREENWICH CHALENGE

2.00 MANSFIELD HANDICAP (£2,364: 1m) (11 runners)

1 (8) 340360- MARTINI EXECUTIVE 90 (B,CD,F) (Miss A Smith) B Wilkinson 5-10-0 D Nicholls 80
2 (4) 61302- SPENCER'S REVENGE 20 (CD) (Lord Cazalet) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-3 M Hills 93
3 (9) 250060- NO SUBMISSION 14 (D,G,S) (T Redman) D Chapman 7-8-13 S Wood 90
4 (7) 55545-0 MELTOBY 7 (CD,F,S) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds H Plc) C Tinkler 4-8-13 J Quinn 80
5 (11) 54231-3 LOCK KEEPER 7 (BF,CD) (Mrs J Mackie) J Mackie 7-8-11 S D Williams (5) 83
6 (3) 0/106- BALLYMONEYBOY 63 (D,S) (Mrs A Congdon) M Tompkins 4-8-9 S Mulvey (7) 88
7 (1) 30000-0 BASSIO 9 (CD,F,G) (Mrs S Darby) C Allen 4-8-6 G Fowler (7) 90
8 (2) 00/000-2 DIAMOND INTHE DARK 7 (V,F) (J Langrish) C Tinkler 5-8-1 L Charnock 99
9 (10) 130000- STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN 54 (B,CD,F,S) (L Mooney) T Barron 5-7-8 J Fanning 91
10 (6) 310050- BROAD APPEAL 88 (D,F,G) (J Purcell) R Spicer 5-7-7 G Bardwell 93
11 (5) 005/000- KRONPRINZ 14 (Market Rasen Racing Club) M Chapman 5-7-7 Darren Moffatt (7) —

Long handicap: Broad Appeal 7-6, Kronprinz 6-5.

BETTING: 3-1 Spencer's Revenge, 4-1 Diamond Inthe Dark, 5-1 Lock Keeper, 8-1 Ballymoney Boy, 7-1 Martini Executive, 8-1 Broad Appeal, 12-1 Meltoby, 14-1 others.

1992: MARTINI EXECUTIVE 4-9-8 D Nicholls (Evens fav) W Pearce 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

MARTINI EXECUTIVE's best recent effort was when 1¾l 3rd of 17 to Ruth's Gamble in a handicap at Carlisle (1m, good). SPENCER'S REVENGE 1l 2nd of 9 to Master Hyde in a handicap at Lingfield (AW, 7f). NO SUBMISSION 27l 9th of 15 to Tempering in claimer here (1m 4f). LOCK KEEPER beat Abconal 4l in a 9-runner claimer over course and distance on penultimate start. BALLYMONEYBOY's best effort was when beating Millyel 8l in a 7-runner claimer at Hamilton in May (1m 110yd, soft). DIAMOND INTHE DARK 1¾l 2nd of 16 to Tacit Mac in a handicap over course and distance, with LOCK KEEPER (same terms) 3l 3rd and MELTOBY 20l 15th. STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN 18l 11th of 15 to Tendresse in an apprentices' handicap over course and distance.
Selection: DIAMOND INTHE DARK

2.30 STAYTHORPE CLAIMING STAKES (£2,385: 7f) (9 runners)

1 (6) 00011-4 ALLINSON'S MATE 7 (CD,F) (P Jones) T Barron 5-9-3 Alex Greaves 89
2 (7) 434050- POP TO STANS 20 (CD,F) (D Maden) J Pearce 4-9-0 G Bardwell 86
3 (8) 40316-0 BOY MARTIN 3 (F) (G Elliott) S Kettlewell 4-8-12 S Webster 93
4 (5) 15000-0 BOLD HABIT 3 (CD,F,S) (P Leonard) Mrs J Ramsden 8-8-9 M Hills 98
5 (3) 001000- TOP ONE 178 (F) (C Hill) C Hill 8-8-7 S Wood 77
6 (4) 00- NUTMEG LASS 39 (Mrs P Demetriad) B McMahon 4-8-4 D Biggs —
7 (2) 150006- WHO'S THAT LADY 14 (D,S) (J Gill) M H Easterby 4-8-4 J Quinn 83
8 (1) 05400-0 SCOTTISH PARK 7 (D,F) (K Ridges) J Leigh 4-8-2 L Charnock 95
9 (9) 65200-2 SWINGING TICH 10 (B,BF) (D Gregory) B McMahon 4-8-0 T Williams 85

BETTING: 11-10 Allinson's Mate, 7-2 Bold Habit, 5-1 Boy Martin, 7-1 Pop To Stans, 8-1 Swinging Tich, 12-1 Who's That Lady, 14-1 others.

1992: POP TO STANS 3-9-7 Alex Greaves (11-10 fav) T Barron 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALLINSON'S MATE 5½l 4th of 8 to Prince Mover in a handicap over course and distance. Previously, beat Panfilin 1½l in an 8-runner handicap over course and distance, with POP TO STANS (5lb better off) 75¾l 5th. POP TO STANS 11l 7th of 9 to Master Hyde in a handicap at Lingfield (AW, 7f). BOY MARTIN 9l 7th of 9 to Pretonic in a claimer here (6f), with BOLD HABIT ½l 8th. Best recent effort was when beating Banbury Flyer 11¾l in a 14-runner handicap at Lingfield (AW, 6f). TOP ONE beat Jolaxi 5l in a 19-runner selling handicap at Yarmouth in June (1m, good to firm). SWINGING TICH ½l 3rd of 6 to Innocent George in a claiming maiden over course and distance.
Selection: ALLINSON'S MATE

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.00 AVERHAM HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,322: 1m) (12 runners)

1 (7) 303012- I'M A DREAMER 14 (CD) (D Marshall) W Haigh 9-7 S D Williams (5) 82
2 (11) 02311-2 MOONSTRUCK BARD 10 (BF,CD) (D Rafter) S Woods 9-4 W Woods 93
3 (10) 01- GIRL AT THE GATE 192 (G) (J Morley) M Bell 9-4 J O'Dwyer (7) 84
4 (9) 450- FREE DANCER 105 (Mrs V Hayward) R Brotherton 9-0 T Williams 80
5 (2) 1253-32 MASTER SINCLAIR 3 (C,G) (Sinclair Ltd) R Hollinshead 9-0 A Garth (5) 92
6 (5) 0303- LARN FORT 27 (R Cartwright) T Fairhurst 8-9 J Fanning 98
7 (12) 50000-0 BAJKA 10 (M Long) R Spicer 8-6 Dale Gibson 90
8 (4) 60045-2 ROSE FLYER 7 (A Padagling Ltd) M Chapman 8-4 S Webster 95
9 (3) 012000- ARCTIC GUEST 96 (F) (The Fairyhouse 1992 Partnership) M Johnston 8-3 R P Elliott 90
10 (8) 08000-0 BROUGHTONS FORMULA 10 (B) (Broughton Insulation) W Musson 8-1 J Quinn 80
11 (6) 2504- PETERED OUT 27 (D Barron Racing Club) T Barron 7-13 D Wright (7) 88
12 (1) 65004-6 HUSH BABY 10 (J Peters) C Allen 7-12 G Bardwell 88

BETTING: 7-2 Moonstruck Bard, 9-2 Petered Out, 5-1 Master Sinclair, 6-1 Rose Flyer, 8-1 I'm A Dreamer, 10-1 Girl At The Gate, Larn Fort, 12-1 Hush Baby, 14-1 others.

1992: FERDIA 8-12 W Ryan (2-1) R Hollinshead 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

I'M A DREAMER 2l 2nd of 6 to Golden Klair in a nursery over course and distance. MOONSTRUCK BARD 2½l 2nd of 5 to Greenwich Chalenge in a claimer here (7f), with MASTER SINCLAIR (2lb better off) 1½l 3rd. Previously, beat Mister Blake ½l in claimer over course and distance, with MASTER SINCLAIR (6lb better off) 3½l 3rd and ROSE FLYER 7l 5th.

GIRL AT THE GATE beat Fordan 6l in a 12-runner claimer here (7f). MASTER SINCLAIR 6l 2nd of 4 to Diamond Point in a claimer over course and distance. LARN FORT 6½l 3rd of 9 to Golden Klair in a claimer here (7f). ROSE FLYER 1¾l 2nd of 7 (pair clear) to Bracknelwaite in a handicap over course and distance.
Selection: MOONSTRUCK BARD

3.30 MORTON HANDICAP (£2,343: 7f) (9 runners)

1 (5) 04302-5 PESIDANAMICH 7 (B,CD,S) (Northern Racing) J Leigh 5-10-0 S D Williams (5) 95
2 (8) 043015- RURAL LAD 32 (D,S) (J Purcell) R Spicer 4-9-7 J McLaughlin 91
3 (1) 21411-3 JOHNSTON'S EXPRESS 7 (BF,CD,F) (F McKevitt) E Alston 5-9-6 J Quinn 88
4 (6) 215000- GRUBBY 14 (CD) (Mrs A Metch) R Hollinshead 4-8-7 A Garth (5) 80
5 (4) 00050-0 COMPANY CASH 10 (B,CD) (Mrs P Charm) R Bastiman 5-8-6 M Hills 95
6 (7) 05/2044- GIRTON DEGREE 198 (T Pearson) B McMahon 4-8-4 D Biggs 81
7 (3) 0500/66- MANSE KEY GOLD 34J (D,G,S) (Mrs N Hebblethwaite) J Dooler 6-7-7 D Wright (7) 80
8 (2) 005/0 SAKOSAN 10 (Miles A Stangeway) B Ellison 4-7-7 J Fanning —
9 (9) 000040- VERRO 48 (B,C,S) (P Pardy) J Bennett 6-7-7 Dale Gibson 91

Long handicap: Manse Key Gold 7-8, Sakosan 7-4, Verro 7-4.

BETTING: 7-4 Johnston's Express, 4-1 Pesidanamich, 5-1 Rural Lad, 6-1 Grubby, 7-1 Company Cash, 10-1 Girton Degree, 14-1 Verro, 16-1 others.

1992: QUESTION OF DEGREE 6-8-0 Kim Tinkler (12-1) N Tinkler 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

PESIDANAMICH 2l 2nd of 13 to Pretonic in a handicap here on penultimate start (7f), with COMPANY CASH 16l 13th. RURAL LAD 5l 5th of 14 to Essl Bains in a handicap here (1m). JOHNSTON'S EXPRESS ½l 3rd of 8 to Prime Mover in a handicap over course and distance, with PESIDANAMICH (same terms) 6½l 5th. Previously, beat Javenaxa 2½l in a 16-runner handicap over course and distance, with GRUBBY 22½l 16th. COMPANY CASH 6½l 8th of 12 to Hinari Video in a handicap here (5f), with SAKOSAN 12th. GIRTON DEGREE 5¾l 4th of 11 to Rock Song in a seller at Warwick (7f, firm).
Selection: JOHNSTON'S EXPRESS

4.00 OLLERTON HANDICAP (£2,406: 1m 4f) (12 runners)

1 (2) 01313-3 MODEST HOPE 10 (CD,F) (J McAlexander) R Spicer 6-9-10 J McLaughlin 91
2 (10) 0/20600- QUALITAIR SOUND 16J (P Bottomley) J Bottomley 5-9-10 L Charnock 86
3 (6) 00531-1 CLIFTON CHASE 10 (B,CD) (A Smeaton) M Jarvis 4-9-2 M Hills 91
4 (9) /32150- UNPAID MEMBER 55 (V,C,D,S) (W Fletcher) J Wharton 9-9-1 S D Williams (5) 84
5 (5) 00023-1 ATLANTIC WAY 7 (CD,F) (C Hill) C Hill 5-9-1 (5ex) G Bardwell 97
6 (8) 230/06-1 BEDOUIN PRINCE 3 (CD) (Miss J Toulson) B Richmond 6 9-1 (5ex) T Williams 93
7 (11) 52404-2 MASTER'S CROWN 7 (M O'Toole) M Chapman 5-8-8 S Webster 83
8 (3) 24166-6 PERSIAN FLEECE 9 (S) (Mrs M O'Donnell) A Bailey 4-8-1 Angela Gallimore (7) 88
9 (7) 404900- SOVEREIGN NICHE 48 (J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-0 D Biggs 97
10 (1) 004403- REKLAW 25 (B) (Wetherby Racing Bureau Plc) M Hammond 6-7-13 J Fanning 93
11 (4) 00060/0- RUFFLES 24J (C Hague) M Chapman 6-7-12 Darren Moffatt (7) —
12 (12) 400/000- BOLTON FLYER 20 (G) (Mrs L O'Neill) D O'Neill 7-7-7 D Wright (7) —

BETTING: 5-2 Atlantic Way, 3-1 Clifton Chase, 6-1 Master's Crown, 7-1 Qualitair Sound, 10-1 Persian Fleece, Modest Hope, 12-1 Sovereign Niche, Unpaid Member, 14-1 others.

1992: LORD ADVOCATE 4-7-8 B Doyle (12-1) M Naughton 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

CLIFTON CHASE beat Well And Truly ½l in a 16-runner handicap over course and distance, with MODEST HOPE (2lb better off) ¾l 3rd. Previously, beat ATLANTIC WAY (5lb better off) 5l in handicap over course and distance, with MODEST HOPE (11lb better off) 2½l 3rd. ATLANTIC WAY beat MASTER'S CROWN (5lb better off) 2½l in a 10-runner handicap here (1m 6f). BEDOUIN PRINCE beat Sugamer a short head in a 12-runner amateurs' handicap here (1m 6f). REKLAW 1l 3rd of 6 to Gold Belt in an apprentices' handicap here (1m).
Selection: ATLANTIC WAY (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Lord Huntingdon	9	37	24.3	Alex Greaves	58	212	28.4
T Barron	58	248	23.4	Emma O'Gorman	28	156	18.0
J Pearce	8	40	20.0	D Biggs	16	121	13.2
M Jarvis	6	31	19.4	D Nicholls	16	121	13.2
M Bell	10	58	17.2	M Hills	13	105	12.4
J Berry	25	152	16.4	G Bardwell	25	241	10.4

Moonstruck Bard can shine again

MANDARIN

MOONSTRUCK Bard, a moderate performer on turf, has shown much-improved form since switching to Southwell's Fibresand track.

The three-year-old has two victories to his name in the last four weeks and he is napped to win the Averham Handicap at the Nottinghamshire course today.

After winning two claiming races last month, Moonstruck Bard was denied a treble when he was unable to catch the fast-breaking Greenwich Chalenge ten days ago.

He is now switched to handicap company but looks a cut above his rivals, the best of whom may be Girl At The Gate.

The filly was an easy winner of a claimer at Southwell in July. However, that appeared a moderate race and she may also be in need of the run.

Moonstruck Bard's claims can be enhanced earlier in the afternoon when **Greenwich Chalenge**, his conqueror last time out, runs in the Fiskerton Claiming Stakes.

On that occasion, Greenwich Chalenge broke smartly from stall No 1 for an all-the-way-success, holding off Moonstruck Bard to win by two and a half lengths. He has the same advantageous draw and looks primed for another victory.

Nikki Noo Noo's recent form looks inferior to my selection but she still accounted for Daaniera and Pine Ridge Lad in a claimer here last week.

Atlantic Way, an easy and well-supported winner on the same card, can make light of a 5lb penalty to win the Ollerton Handicap.

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Cantona shifts United's title vision sharply into focus

JOHN SIBLEY

Celebration time: Cantona, left, and his team-mates enjoy going top of the Premier League for the first time

Manchester United..... 4
Tottenham Hotspur..... 1

By Ian Ross

BRIEF though it may have been, the meeting of two Manchester United footballing visionaries from differing eras was, as you would expect, a respectful affair. As George Best made his way towards the Old Trafford exit, he crossed paths with Eric Cantona, a player of like temperament who engenders a similar sense of expectancy and excitement among supporters.

The language barrier may have precluded any attempt at meaningful discourse, at the end of another convincing United performance in which they went top of the Premier League for the first time, but a smile and a nod of the head is universally accepted as a suitable form of acknowledgement.

Best was not the only member of United's most famous and successful team present on Saturday. Denis Law, Bobby Charlton, Brian Kidd and Paddy Crerand were also there, almost as though the ghost that has so stubbornly resisted exorcism since the club's last league championship, 26 years ago, was anxious to pass judgment on the new breed.

They will, I suspect, have been warmed by what they saw, for while Alex Ferguson later acknowledged that pitfalls aplenty lie on the road ahead, this Manchester United side is accelerating towards its target.

Tottenham's reputation may be larger and more imposing than its talent but United overcame well-organised and diligent opponents with disdainful ease.

Ferguson's team boasts many outstanding individuals but just one genuine star: Cantona, of course. The Frenchman's contribution since his transfer from Leeds United has been remarkable, despite his need to embellish a reputation as a maverick each time he collects the ball.

Detracting from Cantona's rich potential is his continued inability to accept that English football still places a reliance on physical conflict for its appeal.

Many laudable aspects of Cantona's game became apparent during his time at Leeds but so too did his revulsion at the prospect of putting his cultured foot into situations where only mad dogs and Englishmen would be expected voluntarily to tread.

Cantona's desire for self-preservation possibly cost his side two goals. Twice the ball dropped between himself and the rapidly converging figure of Thorstvedt, in the Tottenham goal. On both occasions, discretion, and not valour, proved to be uppermost in the forward's mind.

However, Cantona's ability to ignore what has gone before, to insulate himself from criticism and to conjure up moments of pure artistry is uncanny. After his firm looping header from Irwin's immaculate cross had finally wrenched Thorstvedt's finger from a rapidly-swelling dyke — his fourth goal in six matches at the club — Cantona set up Irwin for a crucial second goal with a sublime, clipped pass in the 53rd minute.

Those goals robbed Tottenham of their hitherto impressive composure and as finesse was replaced, firstly by apprehension and subsequently by panic, United threatened to embarrass a side which had kept clean sheets in six of its previous nine league fixtures.

McClair's blistering volley and Parker's precise, angled shot — his first goal for the club — completed what was a rout in all but scoreline. Barmby's fine header with two minutes left was slim consolation for Tottenham.

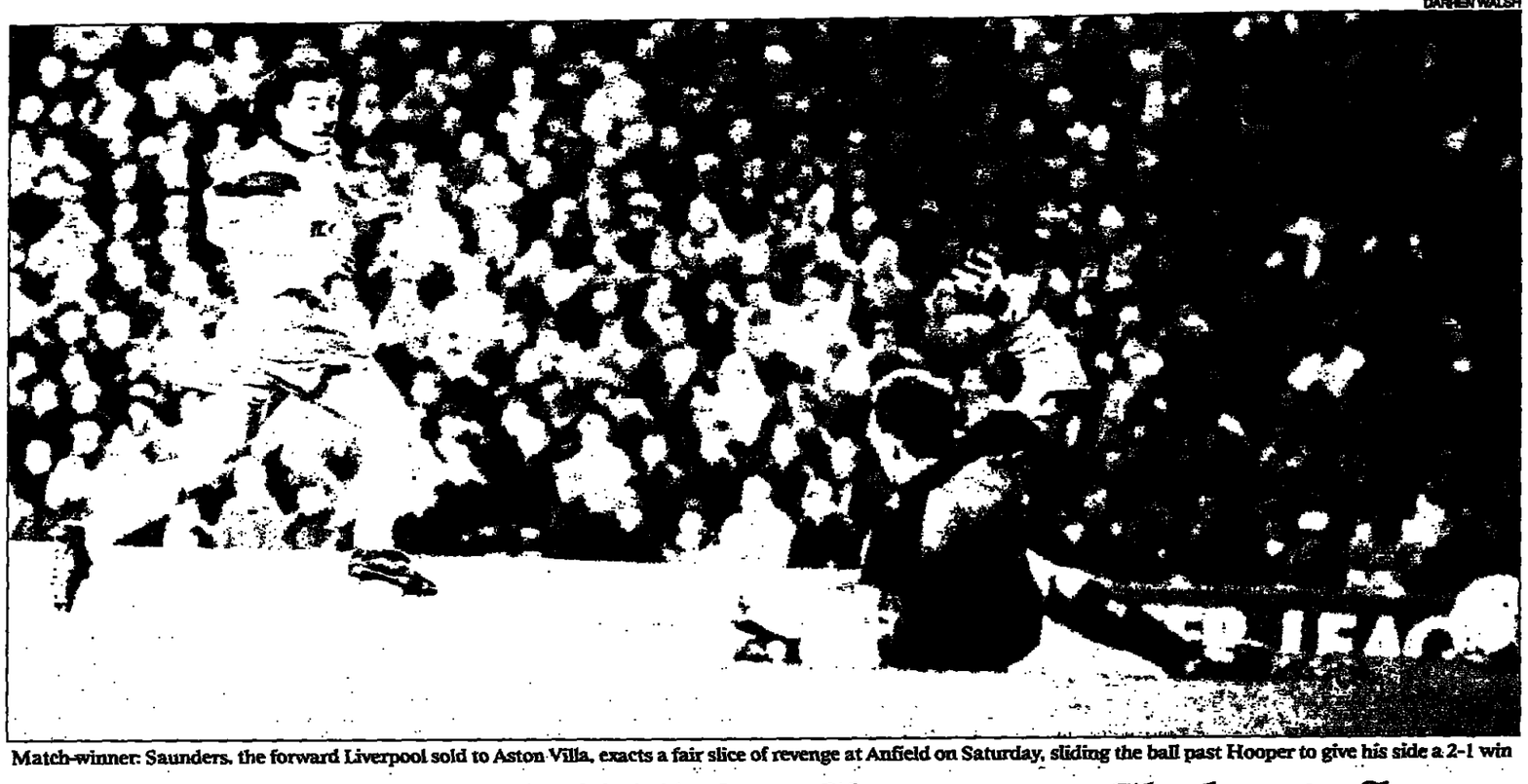
At present, United's level of confidence is so high, their consistency so enviable, that fluent and imposing football is being produced almost without discernible effort. Last season, when a prolonged, ultimately unsuccessful, duel with Leeds was nearing its climax, United's first instinct on taking the lead was to jealously defend their advantage, irrespective of the opposition.

Nine months on, things are subtly different in so much as a first goal is now regarded as a beginning, rather than an end. "You won't get any predictions from us because there is still a long way to go," Ferguson said, almost as to re-emphasise that he has learned much about the ramifications of unnecessarily tempting fate.

MANCHESTER UNITED: P Schmeichel; P Parker, D Irwin, S Bruce, L Sharpe, G Pallister, E Cantona, P Ince (sub: M Phelan), B McClair, M Hughes, R Giggs (sub: A Kanchelskis).
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: E Thorstvedt; D Austin (sub: G Sergeant), J Edinburgh, V Samways, G Mabbutt, N Ruddock, D Howells, N Barmby, Nayim (sub: D Anderton), I Sheringham, P Allen.
Referee: M Peck.

Saunders steals show but Barnes takes lead role

DARREN WALSH



Match-winner: Saunders, the forward Liverpool sold to Aston Villa, exacts a fair slice of revenge at Anfield on Saturday, sliding the ball past Hooper to give his side a 2-1 win

Liverpool 1
Aston Villa 2

By David Miller

EVERYONE was afterwards talking about, and to, the scorer of the winning goal, Dean Saunders. More impressive, and significant in the long-term, was the performance of John Barnes, never mind Liverpool's defeat.

Here, you sensed, was a different Barnes. Playing in a central attacking role alongside Rosenthal, in the absence of Rush — an addition to an injury-list, including Whelan and Nicol, which would puncture most teams — Barnes displayed extraordinary powers of control in the heart of Villa's more-than-vigorous defence. Given that Ian Wright, taking a lead from his manager at Highbury, continues to behave unreliably, Barnes might well be the preferable central partner for Shearer in the England team. A point which Graham Taylor may care to consider.

Meanwhile, the vultures gathering on the Liverpool crossbar, waiting in expectation for the possibility to pick at the bones of Graeme Souness, were thrown a token piece of meat. To the two goals he had scored against Liverpool at Villa Park, Saunders, a sort of turbo-charged Duncan McKenzie, now added the decisive touch in a 2-1 victory at Anfield on Saturday, acutely embarrassing Torben Piechnik, one of Souness's signings, in the process.

Ignore the Liverpool injuries, to which Saunders graciously referred when reflecting on Villa's victory. Forget any analysis of who now played well or badly or why. Just follow the ready-made equations:

Aston Villa + three former Liverpool players (Saunders, Houghton, Staunton) = joint league leadership.

Liverpool + Paul Stewart + two Scandinavians = MFU (politely, monumental foul up).

Frankly, I don't see it that way at all. Villa did not look unquestionable challengers for the Premier League title, even before the racing Dalian Atkinson pulled up lame by half-time to be replaced by Froggatt. Villa, to be sure, are good but not yet that good.

The best football, albeit in isolated spells, was played by Liverpool: the old inter-passing, possession game that runs opponents' legs into the ground. But the formula is, for the moment, neither as effective nor as consistent as it used to be, even though the pattern is adhered to rigorously in training from Monday to Friday.

Certainly, Souness has partially blundered. Stewart, on Saturday replacing the injured Nicol, is worth nowhere near £2 million, even at today's inflated prices, while Mark Wright is good enough at neither winning nor using the ball. Hence, the two Scandinavians at centre back, and the fact that Liverpool still seemed susceptible until Barnes stole the finest of goals from a low cross by his breakaway full back, Marsh, in the 41st minute.

Yet spare a thought for Piechnik and Bjornebye. Before Allan Hansen, for example, became the most accomplished central defender in Britain since Bobby Moore, he spent a year in the reserves learning the Liverpool game. The two Scandinavians have been pitched straight into the fray. However much they may want to pass the ball — their natural game — under pressure they are going to whack it: which is why, at times, Liverpool, harried by Saunders and Atkinson, looked more like Wimbledon or Sheffield United. And why the crowd, weaned on premier *cru* was increasingly scornful of the Sainsbury's plonk on offer.

Souness's rebuilding will take time; and time is the luxury no manager is allowed. I would still bet, however, on a midfield of Nicol or Whelan and the promising Redknapp and Hutchison, behind Rush, Barnes and McManaman, overhauling Villa once their defence has settled. That may not be this season.

Saunders, whose method is give-it-and-sprint, frightens defences — as he did Piechnik — by sheer pace and aggression and he may indeed combine with Atkinson and the still admirable Houghton to bring Villa the title. That may make Ron Atkinson right, and he has always produced exciting teams, but it does not make Souness wrong. Saunders is not a Liverpool-style player.

Liverpool had twice buckled against Atkinson, in the third and 25th minute, but both times his shots, as he raced clear of the backline, flew wide. Equally, Barnes and Redknapp might have put Liverpool in front before Barnes did so just on half-time.

The goals that gave Villa victory were, as Souness lamented, mere gifts. Nine minutes into the second half, McManaman failed to clear and Parker's snapshot from 20 yards flashed in off the bar. Ten minutes later, when Piechnik dawdled, Saunders robbed him and was gone like a pickpocket, with the goods stowed in the net behind Hooper.

It was no help to have Scouse cries of "wake up" drifting down from the stands. The home team, almost falling out of its boots in nervous anticipation, was so wide awake it needed no incentive. What it needed, like the manager, was time, and Villa's hard professionals, such as Richardson and Teale, were giving them none of that.

LIVERPOOL: M Hooper; M Marsh, R Jones, P Stewart, T Piechnik, S Bjornebye, S McManaman, J Redknapp (sub: D Hutchison), R Rosenthal (sub: M Walters), J Barnes, M Thomas.
ASTON VILLA: N Spink; E Barrett, S Staunton, S Teale, P McGrath, K Richardson, R Houghton, G Parker, D Saunders, D Atkinson (sub: S Froggatt, R Cox), D Yorke.
Referee: K Hackett.

City expose Chelsea's flaws

Chelsea 2
Manchester City 4

By Russell Kempson

A FRUITLESS flight to Teesside for their subsequently postponed FA Cup third-round tie with Middlesbrough, a 3-1 defeat against Crystal Palace in the Coca-Cola Cup fifth round and a lesson in finesse and finishing from Manchester City at Stamford Bridge on Saturday: 1993 has not started too promisingly for Chelsea.

Barely has their two-month, ten-match unbeaten sequence ended, with all its associated talk of a Premier League title, and Chelsea are in disarray. The slip against Palace last Wednesday may have owed more to the monsoon conditions at Selhurst Park; the setback against slick City was down to rank bad play.

A stirring late revival, when smartly taken goals from Stuart and Spencer gave them hope, failed to mask a display of bewildering inadequacy. Ian Porterfield, the Chelsea manager, was equally baffled. "We've had a great run and I suppose it had to end some time," he said. "It's difficult to know why it's gone wrong. We'll just have to start all over again."

Although action is required swiftly, especially with a back four that has forgotten the art of defending, and the club's confidence may sag further before reviving, Porterfield need not panic.

Chelsea always tried to be inventive, even when 3-0 adrift, and have enough talented young players to eventually challenge for honours.

Had Townsend concentrated on inspiring his fledglings, instead of indulging in a petty and prolonged squabble with the abrasive McMahon, and had Le Saux, forgiven for his shirt-throwing antics against Southampton, played a deeper role much earlier, allowing him to curl over more of his delightful crosses, they could have salvaged something.

City, though, were well worth their fifth away league win and accepted every offer of Chelsea charity with chilling efficiency. Flitcroft constantly fed off McMahon's ball-winning, using his possession wisely, while Sheron, White and Holden vividly showed the value of pace in space.

White, with his twelfth goal of the season, and Sheron gave City a 2-0 interval lead. Phelan's intended cross was deflected on by Clarke, then hammered into the roof of his own net by Sinclair, and Sheron's 88th-minute header terminated Chelsea's captivating comeback.

Disagreeing with Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, can prove a perilous pastime and yet, writing in the match programme, his true-blue optimism got the better of him. "1993 has started badly but it can only get a lot better," he said. Wrong, Ken; how very wrong.

CHELSEA: K Hitchcock; S Clarke (sub: J Spencer), F Sinclair, A Townsend, D Lee, M Donaghy, G Stuart, R Peck, M Hartford, E Newton, G Le Saux.
MANCHESTER CITY: A Coton; R Ranson, T Phelan, S McMahon, K Curle, D Brightwell, D White, M Sheron, N Quinn, G Flitcroft, R Holden.
Referee: V Callow.

Wilkins out for eight weeks with fracture

By Ian Ross

HAVING moved back to the fringes of the title race with a welcome victory over Middlesbrough at Ayresome Park, Queens Park Rangers' Premier League aspirations were dealt a blow when x-rays yesterday confirmed Ray Wilkins had a fractured fibula, meaning the influential midfielder and captain will be out for the next two months.

Wilkins sustained the injury during a light training session at the team's hotel on Saturday morning. It is a setback which would lead many to believe that a famous career could be at an end.

"I was turning for a ball when my studs stayed in the ground," Wilkins said. Aided by crutches, he watched from the sidelines as a fine goal by Ferdinand 18 minutes from time guaranteed Rangers victory.

Leeds United may have surrendered hope of defending the championship but their pursuit of a place in the Uefa Cup began in earnest with a 2-1 victory over **Southampton** at Elland Road, their first success in five matches.

After carelessly allowing Dixon to give the visitors a first-half advantage with the 200th goal of his career, the Yorkshire side retrieved their cause with strikes by Chapman and Speed.

Blackburn Rovers felt the absence of the injured Shearer at Ewood Park, as **Wimbledon** enhanced their reputation for irritating the country's more accomplished teams by holding out for a point in a goalless draw.

Joe Royle's bold, if rather surprising, decision to omit Sharp from his **Oldham Athletic** side for the first time in 18 months was met with success at Portman Road as the Premier League's only unbeaten home record was surrendered by **Ipswich Town**. Goals by Brennan and Bernard led the way for Oldham.

Everton, with opportunist goals by Jackson and Beardsley, won a contest of commitment but little skill at **Crystal Palace**, and Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, described as "nonsense" reports of a move back to Spain.

THE TIMES TABLE OF THE FA PREMIER LEAGUE

Ch'ge		P	Pts	Goal diff	W	(H-A)	D	(H-A)	L	(H-A)	For	(H-A)	Agt	(H-A)	Leading scorers	Offences S-O	Offences Bkg	Home attendance Avge 92-3	% chg 91-2	Recent form	Next match
1	(+1)	Man Utd	23	41	+16	11	(7-4)	8	(3-5)	4	(2-2)	34	(21-13)	18	(9-9)	Hughes/Cantona 10	-	19	33,304	-26.0	wwdddww	QPR (a Jan 18)
2	(+1)	A Villa	23	41	+9	11	(6-5)	8	(3-5)	4	(2-2)	34	(18-16)	25	(11-14)	Atkinson 11, Saunders 9	-	12	27,616	+11.3	wwdlww	Middlesbro (h Sun)
3	(-2)	Norwich	23	41	-1	12	(7-5)	5	(3-2)	6	(1-5)	34	(15-19)	35	(9-26)	Robins 11, Phillips 7	-	12	15,293	+10.3	wlddl	Coventry (h Sat)
4	(0)	Blackburn	23	38	+14	10	(8-2)	8	(2-6)	5	(2-3)	34	(22-12)	20	(8-12)	Shearer 16	2	21	17,522	+32.2	wlwwld	Oldham (a Sat)
5	(0)	Ipswich	23	36	+7	8	(5-3)	12	(6-6)	3	(1-2)	32	(19-13)	25	(13-12)	Kiwomya 8	1	17	17,695	+24.0	dwwdwl	Sheff Utd (a Sat)
6	(+1)	QPR	22	35	+6	10	(6-4)	5	(3-2)	7	(2-5)	31	(23-8)	25	(16-9)	Ferdinand 8	-	21	15,356	+13.0	lwllww	Man Utd (h Jan 18)
7	(-1)	Chelsea	23	35	+4	9	(4-5)	8	(5-3)	6	(3-3)	30	(15-15)	26	(14-12)	Harford 8	-	24	20,458	+9.5	wwdddl	Nottm For (a Sat)
8	(+2)	Man City	23	33	+8	9	(4-5)	6	(4-2)	8	(3-5)	34	(17-17)	26	(11-15)	White 12, Sheron 7	1	21	24,818	-10.4	lldwdw	Arsenal (h Sat)
9	(0)	Arsenal	23	32	+1	9	(6-3)	5	(3-2)	9	(3-6)	24	(16-8)	23	(10-13)	Wright 11, Merson 3	-	28	25,403	-20.4	lldldl	Man City (a Sat)
10	(-2)	Coventry	23	32	0	8	(4-4)	8	(3-5)	7	(5-2)	33	(19-14)	33	(16-17)	Quinn 11	-	14	15,431	+11.2	ddwwl	Norwich (a Sat)
11	(+3)	Sheff Wed	23	30	-1	7	(7-2)	9	(4-5)	7	(3-4)	28	(17-11)	29	(15-14)	Hirst 8, Bright 7	-	20	27,074	-8.4	llwdww	Tottenham (a Sat)
12	(-1)	Liverpool	22	29	+1	8	(7-1)	5	(2-3)	9	(3-6)	36	(25-11)	35	(14-21)	Walters 6	1	18	36,071	+3.7	wwlld	Wimbledon (a Sat)
13	(-1)	Tottenham	23	29	-8	7	(5-2)	8	(4-4)	8	(2-6)	23	(15-8)	31	(11-20)	Sheringham 6, Barmby 4	1	21	29,057	+4.7	lwldw	Sheff Wed (h Sat)
14	(+2)	Leeds	23	28	-3	7	(7-0)	7	(4-3)	9	(1-8)	35	(26-9)	38	(13-25)	Chapman 11, Speed 7	-	23	28,563	-3.3	lwldw	Everton (a Sat)
15	(-2)	Middlesbro	23	27	-1	6	(5-1)	9	(4-5)	8	(3-5)	33	(19-14)	34	(12-22)	Wilkinson 9, Hendrie 5	-	21	17,825	+21.2	lwddl	A Villa (a Sun)
16	(-1)	C Palace	23	27	-6	6	(3-3)	9	(5-4)	8	(4-4)	29	(15-14)	35	(15-20)	Armstrong 8	2	19	14,556	-17.4	wwwwl	Soton (a Sat)
17	(+1)	Everton	23	26	-7	7	(3-4)	5	(4-1)	11	(4-7)	23	(10-13)	30	(14-16)	Beardsley 7	2	10	22,341	-3.5	wlwdlw	Leeds (h Sat)
18	(+1)	Oldham	21	24	-5	6	(5-1)	6	(3-3)	9	(2-7)	35	(22-13)	40	(15-25)	Sharp 7, Olney 6	-	19	12,057	-20.1	lwllww	Blackburn (h Sat)
19	(-2)	Southmptn	23	24	-5	5	(3-2)	9	(5-4)	9	(3-6)	23	(13-10)	28	(12-16)	Le Tissier/Dowie 6	1	34	14,939	+6.2	wdldl	C Palace (h Sat)
20	(0)	Sheff Utd	22	22	-10	5	(4-1)	7	(5-2)	10	(1-9)	19	(11-8)	29	(8-21)	Littlejohn 6, Deane 5	2	34	20,286	-8.2	dlwld	Ipswich (h Sat)
21	(0)	Wimbledon	23	21	-7	4	(2-2)	9	(4-5)	10	(5-5)	26	(14-12)	33	(16-17)	Holdsworth 5	2	32	7,137	+3.4	lwdldd	Liverpool (h Sat)
22	(0)	Nottm For	22	18	-12	4	(2-2)	6	(2-4)	12	(6-6)	21	(6-15)	33	(11-22)	Bannister/Clough 5	-	9	20,103	-15.3	lwdlw	Chelsea (h Sat)

TRANSFERS: Patrik Andersson (Blackburn) from Malmo, £800,000; Kare Ingebritsen (Man City) from Rosenborg, £600,000. Justin Channing (Bristol Rov) from QPR, £275,000; Kevin Ratcliffe (Cardiff) from Everton. LOANS: Ray Ranson (Newcastle) to Man City; Keith Rowland (Bournemouth) to Coventry; Ian Jenkins (Everton) to Bradford; David Smith (Coventry) to Bournemouth; Ray Woods (Coventry) to Wigan.

Arsenal suffer in silence as United salvage point

Arsenal 1
Sheffield United 1

By Peter Robinson

THE weight of expectation is resting heavily on Arsenal. Champions twice in the last four seasons, tipped by many to make it three out of five, they know as well as any that they have not looked the part. It rankles.

As another week passed without a win in the Premier League, and a 1-0 lead surrendered, the rallying cry around Highbury was "we are not out of the race yet", but it did not carry much conviction. It is going to take a remarkable revival to put Arsenal among the contenders now.

Their supporters made their feelings plain, roundly booing their team off the field at the end. They had come to see Arsenal end a spell of two months without a league win by thumping United. But they did not; it was that sort of day.

The sense of disappointment around Highbury was overwhelming as spectators realised they were not going to gloat, protest, roar defiance or welcome back the prodigal. That is probably why the place was so quiet.

Graham mused sadly on the silence afterwards. "I thought the mural was noisier than the crowd. We sustained pressure throughout and the place was dead," he said. Well, not quite dead so much as preoccupied. For example, while Arsenal set about Sheffield with some gusto, two youngsters in the main stand sat engrossed in a video game. They were not the only ones not paying attention.

Arsenal, though, could not be accused of that. Taking their cue from Limpar, they set off at a blistering pace. Only the brilliance of Kelly in United's goal and some feeble finishing denied them, until, with half-time in sight, Hillier found the top corner of the net with aplomb from 25 yards.

Arsenal should have settled matters in the second half, but as more shots went astray, Sheffield stayed in the hunt. With the end in sight, Kelly launched a towering clearance and Littlejohn collected a generous header from Linighan to bury the equaliser.

ARSENAL: D Seaman; L Dixon, N Winterburn, D Hillier, A Linighan, A Adams, J Jensen, I Wright, A Smith, P Merson (sub: D O'Leary), A Limpar.
SHEFFIELD UNITED: A Kelly, K Gage, D Barnes, J Gannon (sub: A Cork), J Pemberton, P Beesley, C Kamara, P Rogers (sub: J Hoyland), A Littlejohn, B Deane, G Hodges.
Referee: G Ashby

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Wilkins out for eight weeks with fracture

Goal-shy Norwich fail to function and lose their way

Sheffield Wednesday..... 1
Norwich City.................. 0

By Stuart Jones
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

NORWICH City, who on Saturday relinquished the Premier League leadership they had held for so long, extended their scoreless sequence at a windswept Hillsborough yesterday to 450 minutes.

They also lost Robins, their most prolific forward with 12 goals, with an injury less serious than initially feared. He was carried off and taken to hospital for X-rays on a suspected broken bone in an ankle. It was later confirmed there was no fracture.

Even when Norwich held an eight-point lead at the top of the Premier League, few imagined even then that they would be able to maintain their position for long. But nobody could have foreseen that their progress would be so swiftly halted.

Their defence has always been ominously vulnerable but, now, even their enterprising attack is failing to function.

Robins was hurt by two challenges from Anderson. The first propelled him into the advertising hoarding and, although he resumed after lengthy treatment, he folded under the weight of an apparently innocuous tackle shortly after the half-hour.

The damage inflicted by Sheffield Wednesday might have been so much worse as to be catastrophic. Had their finishing been more certain, the margin of Norwich's defeat could have reached the same proportions as at Blackburn Rovers, where they lost 7-1 at the beginning of October.

Wednesday, unable to fashion a single blow until midway through the first half, contrived for the next hour to demonstrate numerous ways in which to design openings. Shirtliff was the only outfield player to be left out of the fun and games.

As well as being bemused in midfield, Norwich could restrain neither the movement of Bright and Hirst nor the talent of Waddle. He set up a creative service of his own, whether from his usual role on the right flank or when he wandered into a more central vantage point.

"I don't know about ten," Trevor Francis, the Wednesday manager responded when asked about his side's possible haul. "But when you have 22 shots, and some of the chances were excellent, you would think you would get more than one goal. It has been a similar tale for the last three months.

"We've dominated games and finished with only one point. We need to be more ruthless in front of goal. In the end, we had to thank Chris Woods for a couple of saves."

Phillips, seconds before the interval, and Fox, midway through the second half, almost made a mockery of justice.

Even without the industrious Palmer, who was allowed to rest a hamstring that has been troubling him for a couple of months, Wednesday were rampant. Yet for all their invention and their possession, only Worthington's close-range strike lifted them four places up the table.

He initiated the move in the 42nd minute and, running on with natural momentum, was well placed to turn in the rebound when Gunn parried Sheridan's distant drive. Gunn was otherwise unbeaten and seemingly unbeatable.

It cannot yet be ascertained how long Robins will be unavailable, if at all. Francis, though pointing out that predictions are particularly hazardous in the present unpredictable nature of the Premier League, claimed that "they are bound to miss him because he makes all the difference. He puts away the opportunities they create."

On the same ground where Norwich came to grief an FA Cup semi-final against Sunderland last season, poignantly by the same score, their title ambitions may have been similarly dismantled. Coincidentally, all four of the leading teams have scored the same number of goals, 34, and it is significant that Mike Walker's team has conceded one more — almost double the amount let in by the favourites, Manchester United.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: C Woods; R Nilsson, N Worthington, J Harkes, V Anderson (sub: P Warhurst), P Shirtliff, D Wilson, C Waddle, D Hirst (sub: C Bart-Williams), M Bright, J Sheridan.
NORWICH CITY: B Gunn; I Culverhouse, M Bowen, I Butterworth, J Polston, G Megson, I Crook, L Power, M Robins (sub: D Sutch), R Fox, D Phillips.
Referee: D Allison.

IAN STEWART

Saving grace: Gunn goes down on bended knee and Phillips, his Norwich team-mate, also tries to handle a tricky situation at Hillsborough yesterday

Lone goal revives Forest's fortunes

Coventry City 0
Nottingham Forest......... 1

By Keith Pike

IT WAS scarcely merited and rarely pretty to watch but Nottingham Forest will not be concerned about that. On a day when the four teams immediately above them in the Premier League all picked up points away from home, victory at Highfield Road — not the margin of it or the manner in which it was achieved — was essential to Forest's hopes of survival.

It was secured with a scrappy goal in keeping with a messy match but, while it trimmed the gap between them and the rest to a more manageable three points, it did nothing to suggest Brian Clough has solved his team's shortcomings overnight.

For once, though, Forest got the kind of breaks only their opponents seem to have been enjoying during the 19 weeks they have been pinned to the foot of the table.

Fifteen minutes into the match, Gallacher ran on to score what appeared to be a perfectly good goal but Martin Bodenham, the referee, spotted an infringement few others could detect and awarded Forest a free kick.

They duly made the most of their reprieve when, midway through the second half, Clough's shot was parried by the flailing Ogrizovic. As the ball dropped, Rosario twice saw his headed clearances blocked and, suddenly, there was Woan in possession ten yards out. A couple of steps to the left and a fierce shot brought an emphatic end to the mêlée.

That, pretty much, was that. With Forest's counter-attacks frequently breaking down through poor passing and Coventry lacking inspiration, other chances were few and far between.

Bobby Gould, a confirmed Brian Clough fan, seemed less distraught by Coventry's defeat than might have been imagined. There was a time when the decision to rule out Gallacher's effort would have sparked an explosion of rage but the Coventry manager restricted himself to saying the referee "will be disappointed when he sees a replay of the incident".

Such is the sympathy for Clough's plight. They might not be too good to go down but there will be few people disappointed if Forest survive.

COVENTRY CITY: S Ogrizovic; B Borrows, P Babb, P Atherton, K Sansom (sub: A Pearce), J Williams, L McGrath, L Hurst, R Rosario, M Quinn, K Gallacher.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST: M Crossley; B Laws, S Pearce, S Chettle, C Tiler, R Keane, G Bannister, S Gemmill, N Clough, N Webb, I Woan.
Referee: M Bodenham.

West Ham keep Derby at bay

Derby County.................. 0
West Ham United........... 2

By Louise Taylor

WEST Ham United were reduced to ten men after half an hour at the Baseball Ground yesterday, when Julian Dicks was dismissed for the third time this season, but still repelled relentless Derby County pressure to move into second place in the first division.

Goals from Robson and Morley inside the first 15 minutes secured their victory, which left Derby's £10 million team floundering in mid-table after an eighth home league defeat of the season.

Derby's monopoly of possession earned them countless corners — West Ham had only a couple — yet the visitors' makeshift rearguard held firm while Short and Wassall, Derby's £3 million centre-back pairing, looked like novices.

Shrugging off the loss of Martin, who limped off injured after the introductory exchanges, West Ham took a tenth-minute lead from their first attack of the afternoon.

Keen, whose runs and crosses from wide have added an important dimension to West Ham's play this season, exchanged passes with Robson. The Derby defence obligingly parted and permitted Robson to slip the ball past Sutton from close range.

Five minutes later, Keen delivered a dangerous cross from the left. Derby failed to clear the danger, Forsyth was dispossessed and Morley shot home his fourteenth goal of the season.

But Dicks threatened to undo all the good work in the 31st minute. Having already been booked, the left back was guilty of a late and high tackle on McMinn. Not surprisingly, he was sent off for the eighth time in his career.

Even then, Harry Redknapp, the West Ham assistant manager, had to virtually manhandle him off the pitch after he had been shown the red card — West Ham's seventh this season.

Derby's hopes of automatic promotion were effectively dashed by the result and a play-off place now seems the most they can hope for.

Perhaps the fact that, of the side yesterday, only Forsyth and McMinn were playing for County a year ago explains why. Building a dream team will take time as well as £10 million.

DERBY COUNTY: S Sutton; J Kavanagh, M Forsyth, C Short, D Wassall, M Pembridge, E McMinn, M Kuhl, P Kitson, T Johnson (sub: M Gabbiadini), P Simpson.
WEST HAM UNITED: L Miklosko, T Breacker, J Dicks, S Potts, A Martin (sub: C Foster), M Allen, M Robson (sub: G Parris), P Butler, T Morley, C Allen, K Keen.
Referee: A Wilkie.

Newcastle supporters to pay the price of success

THERE was good and bad news for Newcastle United supporters at the weekend (Louise Taylor writes).

On the positive side, Kevin Keegan's team extended its lead at the top of the first division to 14 points, thanks to goals from David Kelly and Kevin Scott in a 2-1 win at **Bristol City** on Saturday. Ominously, though, Sir John Hall, the club chairman, said yesterday: "It is going to cost more to watch football at Newcastle. I want success not just in England but the European league. There will be a price to pay for that success."

With Newcastle already charging £270 for season tickets, those may be alarming words for many followers of a club with a £6 million debt.

A former Newcastle manager, Jim Smith, saw his **Portsmouth** side climb into the promotion zone thanks to a 2-0 win at home to **Southend United**. Victory was secured thanks to goals from Guy Whittingham — his thirtieth of the season — and Paul Walsh.

Birmingham City, 2-1 winners at home to **Luton Town**, but seeking a new owner, have aroused the interest of an American multi-millionaire. Irving Brown, 53, owns a series of shopping malls in New Jersey and made a bid to take over the club four years ago.

Stoke set record

By Keith Blackmore

BRIGHTON and Hove Albion and Stoke City, the form horses of the second division, met at the Goldstone Ground on Saturday and, despite the heavy going and the sluggish start, raced each other to a standstill.

Stoke arrived as leaders and were seeking to set two club records: eight consecutive league wins and 19 matches without defeat. But Brighton had won six of their previous seven games, a sequence that had restored them to the promotion race. The result was a 2-2 draw, which left honour satisfied on both sides and Stoke with one of their records.

It was a game of one half, so to speak, but what a half it was. After 45 minutes notable only for the thundering of hooves and the regular clatter and splash of falling bodies, the second half produced some exhilarating stuff.

Stoke had reshuffled their defence when Sandford limped off with a calf strain and the new arrangements provided the platform for the opening goal, in the 49th minute. Gleghorn had moved back into defence and took a chance when he robbed Crumplin with some fancy footwork just inside his own half. His pass down the left found Stein with just enough space to wriggle round Bissett and shoot low past Beeney.

Brighton drew breath, then scored twice in three minutes. In the 62nd minute, Beeney cleared, the bounce fooled Cranson and Nogan swept the ball past Sinclair. The Stoke players were still shaking their heads in annoyance when Wilkins's fine pass down the right undid them again. Crumplin crossed and Overson panicked, slicing the ball into his own goal.

Brighton might have had more, then so might Stoke. The ball flew from end to end until, with barely a minute left, Foley collected it 25 yards out, slalomed past two tackles, and shot firmly past Beeney.

"A fair result, I suppose," Barry Lloyd, the Brighton manager, said. "Although you are always disappointed to lose points in the last minute." Lou Macari, his opposite number, was happier. "We went to sleep and gave away two silly goals, but we kept going and got our reward," he said.

The result left Stoke seven points clear of **West Bromwich Albion**, who moved into second place by beating **Bolton Wanderers**.

BRIGHTON: M Beeney, G Chivers, B Gallacher, D Wilkins, S Foster, N Bissett, J Crumplin, A Kennedy, K Nogan, R Codner, C Walker.
STOKE CITY: R Sinclair, J Butler, L Sandford (sub: G Shaw), I Cranson, V Overton, N Gleghorn, S Foley, K Russell, M Stein, D Regis, P Ware.
Referee: D Axcell

Cup draw favours Rangers

RANGERS, the holders, avoided premier division opposition for the first time in two seasons when they were drawn to meet Ayr United in the fourth round of the Tennents Scottish Cup.

Rangers, who beat five premier division sides to capture the trophy last year, earned their place in the fourth round draw by overcoming **Motherwell** 2-0 at Fir Park on Saturday.

Now the Ibrox side continues its pursuit of the treble with another away tie, this time against Ayr, of the first division, on February 6.

Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, was pleased to have avoided the top opposition, although he acknowledged that the part-timers will prove difficult to overcome at Somerset Park. "I'm sure their players will be all revved up for this tie. It is a chance for them to show what they can do against a premier division side."

Rangers were last out of the hat and Smith was relieved to have avoided teams such as **Aberdeen**, **Dundee United** and **Celtic**, who came out just before his team.

Aberdeen, cup winners in 1990, were paired with Dundee United in the tie of the round. Celtic, who were held to a goalless draw by the second-division team, **Clyde**, will face another away trip to either **Falkirk** or **Berwick** if they win next week's replay.

Cowdenbeath, who pulled off the surprise of the third round by beating **Partick Thistle** 1-0 away from home, have been rewarded with a home tie against Hibernian.

FOURTH ROUND DRAW: Kilmarnock v St Johnstone; Cove Rangers or East Stirling v Airdrie or Clydebank; Cowdenbeath v Hibernian, Arbroath v East Fife; Hearts v Dundee or Dumbarton; Aberdeen v Dundee United; Falkirk or Berwick Rangers v Clyde or Celtic, Ayr United v Rangers. Ties to be played on February 6.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

FA Premier League

ARSENAL (1) 1 SHEFFIELD UTD (0) 1
Hillier 43; Littlejohn 87. 23,818

BLACKBURN (0) 0 WIMBLEDON (0) 0
14,504

CHELSEA (0) 2 MANCHESTER C (2) 4
Stuart 78 Spencer 83; White 26 Sheron 29, 88 Sinclair 54 (og). 15,939

COVENTRY (0) 0 NOTTM FOR (0) 1
Woan 65. 15,264

C PALACE (0) 0 EVERTON (0) 2
Jackson 50 Beardsley 85. 13,227

IPSWICH (0) 1 OLDHAM (1) 2
Kiwomya 59; Brennan 16 Bernard 51. 15,025

LEEDS (0) 2 SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1
Chapman 50 Speed 72; Dixon 20. 28,071

LIVERPOOL (1) 1 A VILLA (0) 2
Barnes 42; Parker 54 Saunders 64. 40,826

MANCHESTER U (1) 4 TOTTENHAM (0) 1
Cantona 40 Irwin 52 McClair 53 Parker 57; Barmby 87. 35,648

MIDDLESBRO (0) 0 QPR (0) 1
Ferdinand 72. 15,616

Yesterday

SHEFFIELD W (1) 1 NORWICH (0) 0
Worthington 42. 23,360

VAUXHALL FA TROPHY: First round: Barrow 0, Billingham Synthonia 1; Basingstoke 1, Kingstonian 4; Bishop Auckland 1, Leek 0; Dover 1, Hastings 1; Farnborough 4, Abingdon Town 0; Gateshead 3, Gretna 0; Grays 1, Stafford 0; Heybridge Swifts 4, Worcester 0; Hyde 1, Runcorn 2; Kettering 0, Bromsgrove 0; Kidderminster 1, Enfield 3; Macclesfield 0, Witton 0; Marine 2, Blyth Spartans 0; Merthyr 3, Wivenhoe 0; Morecambe 5, Frickley 1; Murton 1, Nuneaton 2; Northallerton Town 3, Whitby Town 0; Spennymoor United 1, Boston 2; St Albans 1, Weston-super-Mare 0; Stalybridge 2, Accrington Stanley 0; Stevenage Borough 2, Bath 0; Sutton United 3, Woking 0; Telford 2, Northwich 1; VS Rugby 1, Chesham 6; Warrington Town 2, Guisborough Town 1; Welling 2, Aylesbury 1; Winsford 1, Altrincham 0; Wycombe 3, Cheltenham 1; Yeading 1, Slough 1; Yeovil 0, Dagenham and Redbridge 0. Yesterday: Postponed: Wealdstone v Bashley.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Mill Hill Village 1, Old Fairlopians 1; Old Finchleians 1, Old Grammarians 0; Old Owens 4, Southgate County 1.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 1, Ballyclare 1; Crusaders 0, Portadown 3; Distillery 1, Ballymena 0; Glenavon 2, Cliftonville 0; Larne 2, Glentoran 4, Linfield 0, Bangor 0; Newry 2, Coleraine 0; Omagh Town 1, Carrick 3.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone 0, Dorchester 1; Cambridge City 6, Crawley 4; Corby Town 1, Halesowen 1; Gloucester 1, Burton 3; Hednesford 3, Chelmsford 2; Solihull 2, Waterlooville 1; Weymouth 0, Moor Green 1. Midland division: Dudley 3, RC Warwick 2; Grantham 1, Barri 2; Gresley 2, Forest Green 1; Hinckley Town 3, Yate 1; King's Lynn 1, Bedworth 3; Redditch 2, Tamworth 1; Rushden and Diamonds 5, Stourbridge 2; Sutton Coldfield 2, Newport AFC 4; Bilston 1, Evesham 0. Southern division: Andover 0, Braintree 5; Ashford 3, Fareham 0; Baldock 5, Canterbury City 1; Buckingham 0, Burnham 2; Bury Town 2, Gravesend and Northfleet 7; Dunstable 0, Poole 3; Fisher Athletic 1, Sittingbourne 1; Margate 1, Witney 2. Postponed: Havant v Erith and Belvedere; Newport IOW v Sudbury.

Barclays League First division

BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 LUTON (1) 1
Frain 13 (pen) Gayle 87; Hughes 30. 9,601

BRENTFORD (1) 1 LEICESTER (1) 3
Blissett 35; Walsh 21 Thompson 55, 87. 8,517

BRISTOL C (1) 1 NEWCASTLE (2) 2
Allison 18; Kelly 20 Scott 31. 15,446

CHARLTON (1) 2 TRANMERE (1) 2
Balmer 44 Leaburn 78; Aldridge 8 Nevin 35. 8,337

GRIMSBY (0) 2 BRISTOL R (0) 0
Dobbin 70 Rees 72. 4,922

NOTTS CO (1) 1 MILLWALL (0) 2
Thomas 21; Morales 58 Goodman 85. 6,148

OXFORD UTD (0) 0 SWINDON (1) 1
White 34. 9,146

PETERBORO (1) 1 BARNSLEY (0) 1
Cooper 32 (pen); Rammell 57. 6,008

PORTSMOUTH (1) 2 SOUTHEND (0) 0
Whittingham 19 Walsh 54. 9,717

SUNDERLAND (2) 3 CAMBRIDGE (1) 3
Mooney 14 Rush 38 Atkinson 76; Clayton 15 Claridge 66 Raynor 83. 16,778

WATFORD (1) 3 WOLVES (0) 1
Furlong 33, 75 Nogan 89; Mountfield 85. 8,845

Yesterday

DERBY (0) 0 WEST HAM (2) 2
13,737; Morley 15 Robson 10

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Newcastle	24	9	2	1	25	7	9	0	3	22	15	56
West Ham	24	6	2	2	23	10	6	4	4	22	15	42
Tranmere	23	9	4	0	31	9	3	2	5	13	19	42
Millwall	24	8	3	0	26	8	3	6	4	11	13	42
Portsmouth	24	9	1	1	34	8	2	6	5	20	25	40
Leicester	24	6	3	3	16	13	5	2	5	16	18	38
Swindon	22	7	2	2	24	15	3	4	4	17	21	36
Grimsby	24	6	3	3	20	16	4	1	7	18	18	34
Wolves	25	5	5	2	22	15	3	5	5	13	16	34
Charlton	25	5	7	2	18	12	3	3	5	11	13	34
Derby	24	3	0	8	17	22	7	3	3	23	13	33
Brentford	24	6	3	5	22	18	3	3	4	14	12	33
Watford	25	5	5	3	20	18	3	4	5	15	20	33
Peterboro	21	2	7	4	17	19	6	1	1	15	8	32
Barnsley	24	6	2	4	14	9	3	2	7	16	19	31
Oxford Utd	23	4	6	3	20	13	2	5	3	14	15	29
Sunderland	23	5	3	4	18	18	3	2	6	7	18	29
Bristol C	24	5	4	4	18	18	2	2	7	11	28	27
Birmingham	21	5	1	4	14	17	1	4	6	8	19	23
Bristol R	25	4	1	7	18	26	2	3	8	14	29	22
Cambridge	24	4	2	5	13	17	0	7	6	13	28	21
Luton	23	1	5	4	12	21	3	4	6	14	24	21
Southend	24	3	3	4	12	11	2	3	9	12	24	21
Notts Co	24	2	5	5	10	16	2	3	7	14	28	20

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Fourth round: Haverfordwest 0, Rhyl 2.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Brandon 1, Ferryhill Athletic 1; Chester Le Street 3, Hebburn 2; Easington Colliery 2, Consett 4; Newcastle Blue Star 2, Durham City 7; Seaham Red Star 5, Peterlee Newtown 1; South Bank 2, Stockton 2; Tow Law 4, West Auckland 1.

Second division

BOURNEMOUTH (3) 5 BLACKPOOL (1) 1
Ekoku 5, 69 Murray 27, 30 Wood 90; Bamber 20. 3,807

BRIGHTON (0) 2 STOKE (0) 2
Nogan 62 Overson 64 (og); Stein 48 Foley 89. 8,622

L ORIENT (0) 0 HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
5,539

MANSFIELD (0) 2 CHESTER (0) 0
Wilkie 49 Noteman 67. 2,659

PORT VALE (1) 3 BURNLEY (0) 0
Taylor 26 Cross 58 Swan 67. 8,815

PRESTON (1) 1 HULL (1) 2
Garnett 25; Carruthers 35 Wilcox 78. 4,719

ROTHERHAM (3) 3 READING (0) 2
Howard 43 Cunningham 39 (pen), 44; Quinn 47, 69. 4,492

STOCKPORT (1) 2 BRADFORD (0) 2
Francis 7 Duxbury 90 (og); Reid 48 McHugh 86. 4,899

SWANSEA (1) 2 FULHAM (0) 2
Wimbleton 19 West 59; Morgan 55 Hails 61. 5,048

WEST BROM (1) 3 BOLTON (1) 1
Hamilton 28 Strodder 50 Taylor 71; Walker 9 (pen). 14,581

WIGAN (0) 0 EXETER (0) 1
Brown 74. 1,882

POSTPONED: Plymouth v Huddersfield.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Stoke	23	8	2	0	20	8	6	5	2	21	13	49
West Brom	23	9	2	1	26	8	3	4	4	11	12	42
L Orient	24	10	3	0	28	10	2	2	7	9	16	41
Rotherham	22	7	3	1	18	11	4	3	4	14	14	39
Port Vale	22	7	5	0	25	9	3	3	4	15	15	38
Bradford	24	7	2	3	21	14	3	5	4	18	25	37
Hartlepool	22	6	2	4	14	12	4	5	1	15	10	37
Brighton	23	7	2	2	17	9	3	4	5	16	18	36
Bolton	22	7	2	2	23	8	3	3	5	17	17	35
Stockport	21	5	6	0	24	10	4	1	5	14	16	34
Swansea	24	4	5	2	15	7	4	4	5	15	16	33
Fulham	24	3	5	3	13	15	4	5	4	18	20	31
Exeter	23	4	4	4	16	15	3	5	3	13	17	30
Burnley	22	6	4	1	16	9	2	2	7	9	22	30
Plymouth	22	7	3	0	18	6	1	3	8	5	22	30
Hull	23	6	1	6	18	17	2	4	4	12	17	29
Bournemouth	22	4	5	2	13	10	2	4	5	8	12	27
Reading	23	4	3	4	20	13	2	5	5	12	16	26
Preston	22	4	4	5	21	22	2	1	6	11	21	23
Wigan	22	4	3	5	16	16	2	2	6	9	18	23
Mansfield	23	4	3	4	18	18	1	3	8	5	22	21
Blackpool	24	2	6	3	17	18	1	2	10	10	27	17
Chester	24	3	2	6	15	21	1	2	10	13	28	16
Huddersfield	20	2	2	5	7	11	1	2	8	9	25	13

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Brantham Athletic 0, Great Yarmouth 0; Brightlingsea 0, Haverhill 4; Chatteris 1, Lowestoft 2; Diss 0, Histon 0; Gorleston 0, Harwich and Parkeston 4; March 1, Felixstowe 3; Newmarket 4, Cornard 2; Stowmarket 2, Tiptree 0; Wisbech 2, Halstead 1.

Third division

BURY (1) 2 WALSALL (1) 1
Stevens 3, 88; Clarke 35. 2,421

CARLISLE (0) 1 CARDIFF (1) 2
Arnold 64 (pen); Bird 12 Ratcliffe 83. 3,691

CREWE (0) 0 CHESTERFIELD (1) 2
Lemon 5 Carr 68. 2,671

DARLINGTON (0) 0 HALIFAX (1) 3
Ridings 3, 61 Thompstone 80. 1,984

HEREFORD (1) 1 YORK (1) 1
Pickard 7; Borthwick 33. 1,975

WREXHAM (1) 4 TORQUAY (0) 2
Bennett 43 Lake 46 Cross 60, 64; Darby 70, 80. 5,465

POSTPONED: Scarborough v Shrewsbury.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Barnet	22	10	2	0	30	10	3	3	4	11	15	44
York	21	8	3	0	24	6	4	3	3	17	18	42
Wrexham	22	6	2	3	26	18	5	4	2	14	14	39
Walsall	21	5	2	3	22	18	6	0	5	19	18	35
Cardiff	22	7	4	1	25	13	3	1	6	14	18	35
Colchester	23	8	1	3	24	18	3	0	8	14	22	34
Shrewsbury	21	7	0	4	18	15	3	4	3	11	11	34
Lincoln	19	4	2	3	11	9	6	1	3	14	12	33
Scarborough	20	4	3	1	14	9	5	2	5	20	23	32
Rochdale	21	5	3	2	23	13	3	4	4	17	22	31
Chesterfield	20	5	1	4	15	14	3	5	2	15	14	30
Crewe	20	6	0	3	18	11	3	1	7	16	24	28
Bury	21	5	3	2	15	11	3	1	7	16	25	28
Scunthorpe	20	3	3	3	16	13	4	2	5	9	13	26
Darlington	21	3	2	5	13	14	4	3	4	12	13	26
Doncaster	23	4	2	5	12	13	2	6	4	10	17	26
Halifax	22	2	3	5	12	16	4	3	5	19	18	24
Carlisle	19	4	2	6	19	19	2	2	3	9	10	22
Torquay	22	3	2	5	8	13	3	0	9	18	23	20
Hereford	21	3	6	3	17	16	1	1	7	8	19	19
Northampton	21	3	3	5	11	16	2	1	7	12	22	18
Gillingham	22	4	2	6	10	19	0	4	6	7	15	18

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Colwyn Bay 4, Goole 2; Gainsborough 2, Droylsden 1; Matlock 0, Fleetwood 1; Mossley 1, Horwich 4; Southport 2, Buxton 1; Whitley Bay 2, Chorley 2. First division: Alfreton 3, Lancaster City 2; Congleton 3, Harrogate 3; Curzon Ashton 3, Eastwood Town 3; Great Harwood 7, Farsley Celtic 0; Guiseley 4, Ashton United 1; Knowsley 2, Shepshed Albion 2; Netherfield 1, Bridlington Town 1; Rossendale 1, Caernarfon 4; Worksop 3, Workington 0.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Alan Lido 2, Abergavenny 1; Bangor 4, Caersws 1; Briton Ferry 2, Inter Cardiff 3; Ebbw Vale 2, Maesteg Park 0; Holywell 4, Mold 2; Llanelli 1, Aberystwyth 3; Newtown 2, Llanidloes 0; Porthmadog 0, Conwy 1.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Old Parkonians 3, Old Bromleians 1; Civil Service 4, West Wickham 2; Barclays Bank 1, Lensbury 1; Southgate Olympic 2, Polytechnic 3; Royal Bank Scotland 6, Old Westminster Cits 0; Old Lyonians 1, Old Latymerians 1; Alleyn Old Boys 2, Merton 1; Cuaco 5, Bank of England 0; East Barnet OG 8, Brentham 0; Lloyds Bank 0, Old Salesians 0.

Tennents Scottish Cup Third round

ABERDEEN (1) 4 HAMILTON (1) 1
Booth 11, 70, 85 Irvine 90; Reid 18. 10,800

AIRDRIE (0) 0 CLYDEBANK (0) 0
2,500

ARBROATH (0) 3 MORTON (0) 0
Sorbie 53, 62, 89. 1,517

CLYDE (0) 0 CELTIC (0) 0
6,500

COVE R (0) 2 E STIRLING (1) 2
Megginson 83 Lavelle 86; Thomson 16 Barclay 89. 1,000

DUNDEE UTD (1) 3 MEADOWBANK (1) 1
McKinlay 38 Welsh 60 Ferguson 62; Rutherford 7. 5,263

DUNFERMLINE (0) 1 AYR (2) 2
Chalmers 76; Mair 16 (pen) Walker 28. 3,840

HEARTS (4) 6 HUNTLY (0) 0
Baird 27 Ferguson 30 Snodin 38 Robertson 44 Boothroyd 59, 78

HIBERNIAN (3) 5 ST MIRREN (0) 2
Jackson 10 McGinlay 23 Weir 42, 55 Wright 47; Lavety 74 Gallagher 80. 7,997

KILMARNOCK (2) 5 RAITH (0) 0
Williamson 16, 61, 77 McCluskey 27 Macpherson 73. 7,309

MOTHERWELL (0) 0 RANGERS (1) 2
14,314; McCoist 35, 62

PARTICK (0) 0 COWDNBTH (0) 1
3,256; Henderson 46 (pen)

ST JOHNSTONE (3) 6 FORFAR (0) 0
Wright 22, 56 Cherry 25 Arkins 37, 59 Maskrey 86. 970

STIRLING (0) 1 E FIFE (2) 2
McInnes 70; Skelligan 11, 36. 1,091

POSTPONED: Falkirk v Berwick.

Yesterday

DUNDEE (0) 2 DUMBARTON (0) 0
Dodds 65 (pen) Weighorst 59. 4,290

Scottish League Second division

ALBION (1) 2 QUEEN OF S (0) 1
Scott 3 (pen) Moore 89; McGuire 65. 188

STRANRAER (0) 3 MONTROSE (1) 1
Gallagher 46 Sloan 61 Diver 86; Grant 1. 500

POSTPONED: Stenhousemuir v Alloa.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
		HOME					AWAY					
Brechin	20	8	2	0	23	7	5	4	1	15	7	32
Stranraer	21	4	6	0	15	8	6	3	2	17	13	29
Clyde	19	5	4	1	19	7	5	2	2	23	13	26
Stenhsmuir	20	5	0	4	16	13	3	6	2	17	14	22
Alloa	20	5	2	4	15	17	3	4	2	13	12	22
Forfar	19	4	3	2	23	15	3	4	3	11	10	21
East Fife	20	3	2	5	16	21	5	2	3	25	13	20
Queen of Sth	20	3	2	5	9	11	4	2	4	18	22	18
Montrose	20	3	1	6	13	17	5	1	4	16	19	18
Arbroath	20	2	4	5	15	18	4	1	4	11	13	17
Berwick	20	3	3	3	17	16	3	1	7	14	26	16
Albion	21	3	3	4	13	20	1	3	7	7	18	14
East Stirling	20	2	2	6	13	24	3	1	6	20	29	13
Queen's Park	20	3	2	6	17	21	1	2	6	8	15	12

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley 0, Marlow 1; Wokingham 1, Bognor 3. Postponed: Hendon v Carshalton; Windsor and Eton v Dulwich. First division: Boreham Wood 5, Barking 1; Chalfont St Peter 1, Molesey 1; Lewes 0, Tooting and Mitcham 2; Purfleet 3, Croydon 1; Uxbridge 1, Hitchin 2; Wembley 1, Bishop's Stortford 1; Whyteleafe 3, Aveley 1. Postponed: Leyton v Dorking. Second division: Barton 1, Berkhamsted 1; Harefield 2, Newbury 2; Hungerford 0, Maidenhead 0; Leatherhead 2, Witham 1, Metropolitan Police 4, Hampton 0; Ruislip Manor 2, Rainham 1; Tilbury 4, Hemel Hempstead 4; Ware 0, Chertsey 3; Worthing 3, Saffron Walden 1. Postponed: Edgware v Southall, Egham v Banstead Athletic. Third division: Epsom and Ewell 5, Kingsbury 3, Flackwell Heath 2, Leighton 1; Hertford 3, Camberley 1; Tring 1, Hornchurch 1. Postponed: Aldershot Town v Cove; Bracknell v Feltham and Hounslow.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashfield 5, Pickering 1, Belper 1, Thackley 1; Denaby 2, Armthorpe Wel 2; Harrogate RA 3, Glasshoughton Wel 3; North Ferriby 3, Ossett Town 0, Ossett Albion 3, Sheffield 1, Pontefract Col 0, Brigg 0; Winterton Rangers 1, Liversedge 1.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Charlton 3, West Ham 0, Fulham 2, Watford 2, Gillingham 0, Arsenal 1, Ipswich 1, Portsmouth 0; Leyton Orient 2, Cambridge United 0; Millwall 4, Norwich 2, Tottenham 1, Southend 2. Postponed: QPR v Chelsea. Second division: Brentford 0, Bristol Rovers 0. Bristol City 2, Reading 0; Crystal Palace 3, Bournemouth 1; Luton 4, Tottenham 2; Oxford United 2, Wimbledon 4, Southampton 0, Brighton 0; Swindon 0, Colchester 2.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 0, Clevedon 1; Chippenham 3, Elmore 4; Dawlish 0, Frome 3, Paulton 3, Chard 0; Torrington 0, Taunton 1.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bacup Borough 1, Salford City 1, Flixton 0, Maine Road (Man) 0; Newcastle Town 2, Blackpool Rovers 2, St Helens 2, Kidsgrove Athletic 4; Burscough 0, Eastwood Hanley 0.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Arthur Dunn Cup: First round: Old Cholmeleians 0, Old Wellingburians 2. Premier division: Old Carthusians 0, Old Reptonians 2; Old Etonians 4, Old Bradfieldians 2.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Atalanta 3, AS Roma 1, Foggia 1, Inter Milan 3; Lazio 2, Brescia 0, AC Milan 1, Cagliari 0; Parma 1, Genoa 0, Pescara 4, Ancona 3, Sampdoria 1, Juventus 1, Torino 0, Napoli 1, Udinese 4, Fiorentina 0. Leading positions (after 15 matches): 1, AC Milan, 27 points; 2, Inter Milan, 19; 3, Lazio, 18.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Lens 0, Nimes 0; Nantes 1, Lyons 0; Monaco 4, Auxerre 0, Marseilles 5, Toulon 2; Sochaux 1, Paris Saint-Germain 3; Bordeaux 3, Le Havre 0; Strasbourg 0, Valenciennes 0; Montpellier 0, Toulouse 1, Caen 4, Lille 3; Saint-Etienne 2, Metz 0. Leading positions (after 20 matches): 1, Monaco, 28 points, 2, Nantes, 28, 3, Marseilles, 27.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Shelbourne 3, Drogheda United 2; Bray Wanderers 1, St Patrick's Athletic 1, Derry City 0, Sligo Rovers 0, Dundalk 1, Bohemians 1; Limerick 2, Waterford 2; Shamrock Rovers 2, Cork City 3.

POOLS CHECK

1-3, 2-2, 3-1½, 4-1½, 5-1½, 6-1, 7-1, 8-1½, 9-1, 10-1½, 11-1½, 12-3, 13-1, 14-1½, 15-1½, 16-3, 17-3, 18-1, 19-1, 20-3, 21-2, 22-1, 23-1, 24-1, 25-1½, 26-1, 27-3, 28-3, 29-1, 30-1½, 31-1, 32-1½, 33-1½, 34-1½, 35-3, 36-1½, 37-1, 38-1, 39-3, 40-1, 41-3, 42-1, 43-3, 44-1½, 45-1, 46-1, 47-1, 48-1½, 49-1, 50-1½, 51-1½, 52-1, 53-1, 54-1, 55-3, 56-1½, 57-1½, 58-1

FORECAST: Dividends will be low with 12 score-draws and two no-score draws. No claims required.

Weekend statistics

GUY WHITTINGHAM became the first forward to reach the 30-goal mark. His nearest rivals, Shearer and Aldridge, are eight behind. Attendances came down to earth with a bump, every division bar the Premier League down on last season's average and all dramatically lower than last week.

GOALSCORERS

Premier League	Lge	FA	LC	Oth	Tot
Shearer (Blackbn)	16	-	6	-	22
Hignett (Middlsbro)	10	4	3	-	17
Quinn (Coventry)	13	-	3	-	16
Wright (Arsenal)	11	3	1	-	15
Chapman (Leeds)	11	-	2	2	15
Cantona (Man Utd)	10	-	-	5	15
Kiwomya (Ipswich)	8	-	6	-	14
Atkinson (A Villa)	11	-	2	-	13
White (Man City)	12	-	-	-	12
Robins (Norwich)	11	-	1	-	12
Hirst (Sheff Wed)	8	-	3	1	12
Ferdinand (QPR)	8	2	2	-	12

First division	Lge	FA	LC	Oth	Tot
Whittingham (Portsm)	25	-	2	3	30
Aldridge (Tranmere)	17	1	2	2	22
Bissett (Brentfd)	12	-	4	4	20
Maskell (Swindon)	15	-	1	1	17
Peacock (Newcastle)	11	2	2	2	17
Furlong (Watford)	13	-	3	-	16
Morley (West Ham)	14	-	-	1	15
C Allen (West Ham)	12	1	-	2	15
Kelly (Newcastle)	12	-	2	1	15
Kitson (Derby)	10	-	1	3	14

Second division	Lge	FA	LC	Oth	Tot
Francis (Stockport)	13	2	2	2	19
Stein (Stoke)	14	-	4	1	19
McCarthy (Bradfrd)	13	2	1	2	18
Walker (Bolton)	14	2	1	-	17
Taylor (WBA)	12	3	1	1	17
Saville (Hartlepl)	10	5	1	1	17
Jewell (Bradford)	10	2	2	-	14
Quinn (Reading)	10	3	1	-	14
Griffiths (Wigan)	11	-	1	1	13
Taylor (Port Vale)	11	1	1	-	13

Third division	Lge	FA	LC	Oth	Tot
Foreman (Scarboro)	18	-	2	1	21
Griffiths (Shrewsby)	15	2	1	1	19
Bennett (Wrexham)	12	1	2	2	17
Clarke (Walsall)	14	-	1	1	16
Bull (Barnet)	12	-	2	-	14

Other goals include Autoglass Trophy, Anglo-Italian Cup, European cups and Charity Shield

OFFENCES

FAIR PLAY	Sent off	Booked
Aston Villa	-	13
Coventry	-	14
Norwich	-	14
Nottm Forest	-	14
Peterborough	1	14
Scarborough	-	16
Newcastle	1	15
Bolton	-	17
Ipswich	1	17
Everton	2	17

FOUL PLAY	Sent off	Booked
Torquay	3	52
Cambridge Utd	5	45
Colchester	2	46
Hereford	6	42
Reading	3	44
Sheff Utd	3	42
Wimbledon	2	42
Chesterfield	2	41
Chester	1	41

Offences do not include Anglo-Italian Cup matches.

ATTENDANCES

Division	Weekly total	Wkly avge	Wkly chng	91-2 chng
Premr (11)	239,298	21,754	-18.2	-1.0
Dv 1 (12)	115,202	9,600	-23.4	-9.9
Dv 2 (12)	68,580	5,715	-20.2	+5.4
Dv 3 (9)	29,927	3,325	-18.8	-3.1

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SKIING

Tomba and Heinzer on course for revival

FROM DAVID POWELL IN GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN

JUST as questions were being asked about the falling success rate of two of the World Cup's most prominent skiers, Franz Heinzer and Alberto Tomba stopped the talk of decline and failure here at the weekend. Both climbed to the top of the podium for the first time this season.

Tomba's victory in the slalom on Saturday was followed by Heinzer's in the downhill yesterday. Tomba, the World Cup slalom champion, had become too conservative in his approach to competition, it was being said. Heinzer, the World Cup downhill champion, had forgotten how to win.

But Tomba responded by producing one of the most brilliant runs of his life, rising from seventh after the first leg to first on the second. His victory gave him the overall World Cup lead, but only until Marc Girardelli, of Luxembourg, regained it yesterday.

Girardelli did not place in either the slalom or downhill but his consistency through the season, over all four disciplines, has put him 96 points ahead. Here he was seventh in the slalom and fifth in the downhill.

Tomba, 26, contests only the slalom and giant slalom, fearing the faster super-giant slalom and downhill. But he is aching to win the overall World Cup and, under pressure from his sponsors, might chance the super-giant slalom after the world championships next month.

The points he could stack up from the four super-giant slalom races after the world championships could be enough to beat Girardelli, who is chasing a record fifth overall title, and Kjetil-Andre Aamodt, the young Norwegian seeking his first.

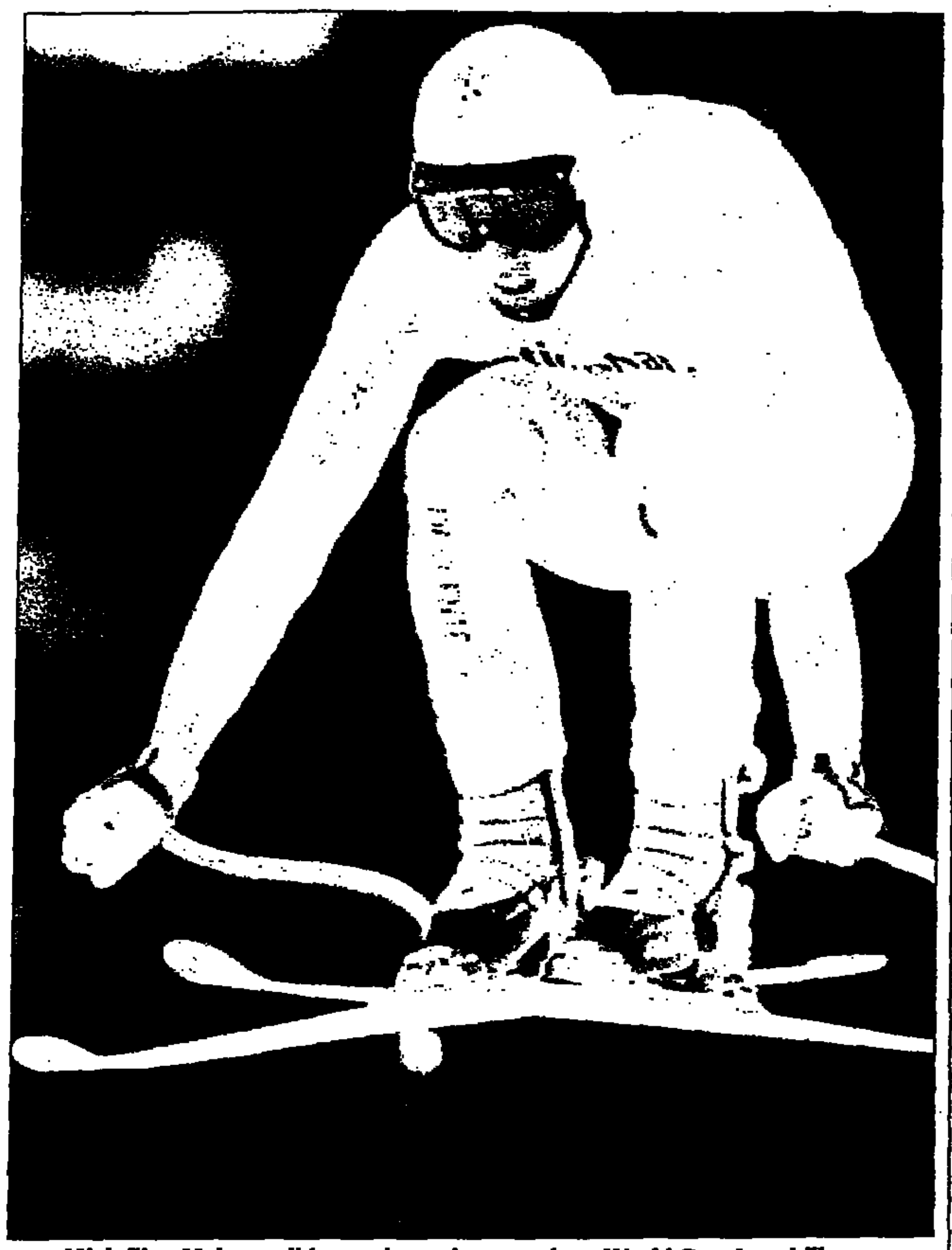
Heinzer, 30, had not won a race since before the Winter Olympics last February when, as favourite, he finished sixth. He is now on course for his third successive World Cup downhill title, having moved from ninth in the standings to equal second.

In a season which had produced its share of first-time World Cup winners — Tescari, Thorsen and Assinger — Pietro Vitalini nearly added to the score. Never before in the top ten, and ranked 37th overall, he finished second, only 0.02sec behind Heinzer.

Vitalini, 25, is the Bryan Robson figure of the Italian skiing team: he spends more time in hospital than he does racing, so frequently is he injured. "Now I will be under pressure tomorrow," he said. "Then I will find out what today's result means."

The Kitzbühel downhill this Saturday was rescheduled yesterday due to lack of snow. The race will probably be held at St Anton this weekend.

RESULTS: Men's downhill (Yesterday): 1, F Heinzer (Switz), 1:55.09; 2, P Vitalini (It), 1:55.11; 3, G Mader (Austria), 1:55.26; 4, H Trinkl (Austria), 1:55.32; 5, M Girardelli (Lux), 1:55.37; 6, M Wasmeier (Ger), 1:55.48; 7, H Tauscher (Ger), 1:55.57; 8, D Rey (Fr), 1:55.62; 9, A Duvillard (Fr), 1:55.66; 10, W Besse (Switz), 1:55.84. Men's slalom (Saturday): 1, A Tomba (It), 1:38.65; equal 2, K A Aamodt (Nor) and T Stangassinger (Austria), 1:39.19; 4, P Roth (Ger), 1:39.26; 5, T Fogdoe (Swe), 1:39.58; 6, B Gstrein (Austria), 1:39.66; 7, M Girardelli (Lux), 1:39.74; 8, J Kosir (Slovenia), 1:39.89; 9, T Sykora (Austria), 1:39.91; 10, F C Jagge (Nor), 1:40.01. Men's combined (downhill and slalom): 1, Girardelli, 9.66pts; 2, Aamodt, 17.74; 3, Mader, 26.40; 4, L Kjus (Nor), 40.64; 5, H Strolz (Austria), 44.87; 6, D Thoeni (Austria), 56.85; 7, S Locher (Switz) 60.43; 8, Duvillard, 82.97; 9, S Eberharter (Austria), 83.16; 10, R Salzgeber (Austria) 88.48. Overall slalom positions: 1, Tomba, 296pts; 2, Fogdoe, 285; 3, Sykora, 198. Overall downhill positions: 1, Besse (Switz), 208; equal 2, L Stock (Austria) and Heinzer, 184. World Cup positions: 1, Girardelli, 568; 2, Tomba, 472; 3, Aamodt, 422; 4, Fogdoe, 285; 5, Heinzer, 258; 6, Kjus, 254.



High flier: Heinzer glides to victory in yesterday's World Cup downhill race

Merle closes the gap on Wachter

Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy: Carole Merle, of France, won her second successive giant slalom race here yesterday to maintain the pressure on Anita Wachter, the overall World Cup leader.

Merle was fastest over both legs on the tricky Olimpia delle Tofane piste, beating Wachter into second place for the twentieth World Cup win of her career.

It was a good weekend for Merle's overall World Cup standing, as she had placed fourth in the previous day's downhill.

That race, which featured falls by Katrin Gutensohn, Michaela Gerg-Leitner and Chantal Bournissen, was won by the German, Regina Häusl, 19. Despite her lowly starting place outside the top 15 seeds, the teenager claimed the first World Cup win of her career, pipping Heidi Zurbriggen by 0.15sec.

After staging its first women's World Cup races for 16 years, Cortina will now stage another three races next weekend, because of a lack of snow at the scheduled venue, Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

RESULTS: Women's World Cup giant slalom (yesterday): 1, C Merle (Fr), 2mn 31.54sec aggregate; 2, A Wachter (Austria), 2:32.20; 3, D Compagnoni (It), 2:32.77; 4, C Rey Bellet (Switz), 2:33.46; 5, S Eder (Austria), 2:33.64; 6, H Zeller (Switz), 2:33.83; 7, S Pretnar (Slovenia), 2:33.93; 8, M Ertl (Ger), 2:34.02; 9, H Zurbriggen (Switz), 2:34.57; 10, C Meier (Ger), 2:34.67. Giant slalom standings (after four races): 1, Wachter, 305pts; 2, Merle, 290; 3, U Maier (Austria), 152; 4, Eder, 134; 5, Ertl, 132; 6, S Panzanini (It), 125. Women's World Cup downhill (Saturday): 1, R Häusl (Ger), 1:28.49; 2, Zurbriggen, 1:28.64; 3, K Seizinger (Ger), 1:28.67; 4, Merle, 1:28.72; 5, S Stuster (Austria), 1:28.86; 6, K Lee-Gartner (Can), 1:28.97; 7, Wachter, 1:28.98; 8, M Kogler (Austria), 1:29.03; 9, R Cavagnoud (Fr), 1:29.07; 10, K Pace (Can), 1:29.12. Downhill standings (three races): 1, Seizinger, 190; 2, Zurbriggen, 146; 3, Häusl, 136; 4, K Gutensohn-Knopf (Ger), 130; 5, M Vogt (Ger), 127; equal 6, C Bournissen (Switz) and Lee-Gartner, 118. Overall World Cup standings (after 12 races): 1, Wachter, 531; 2, Merle, 423; 3, Seizinger, 347; 4, P Wiberg (Swe), 319; 5, Maier, 280; 6, V Schneider (Switz), 270.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Halifax go fourth after decisive finishing flourish

Halifax	20
Hull KR	12

BY CHRIS IRVINE

HALIFAX confounded the impression they gave for an hour yesterday that they were going to lose this game with a late flourish that produced two decisive scores.

Until the finishing pace of Bentley and Preston out wide finally spared the blushes of the home side, Hull Kingston Rovers' conversion of defence into often thrilling counter-attack stunned Halifax. The visitors' bold efforts, however, proved to be too exacting in the end.

Halifax's second successive victory under Allan Agar, their temporary coach, elevated them to fourth place in the Stones Bitter championship, although this lofty position looks somewhat precarious after so narrow an escape against the side two places from the bottom.

After the players' strike last month, Hull KR have upped productivity significantly. The storm clouds over Thrum Hall broke early, as did the Halifax defence under the pressure exerted by the visiting team's rampant pack.

Chatfield owes his place at scrum half to the strike, and should continue to keep Parker, the club captain, out of the line-up, after another highly impressive showing. He created Liddiard's first try and ran 30 metres from a scrum, without a finger touching him, for the second.

Divorty's score on the half hour was the only occasion in the first half that a pass stuck close to the opposition line, so poor was Halifax's handling.

The brute strength of Lord, Fieldhouse and Divorty in the back row revived Halifax. Hull KR's defence tipped Bishop over their line for the unlikeliest of scores before they succumbed to more conventional tries.

Preston gathered a loose ball in midfield and veered right and left to score the first. Three minutes from the finish, Bishop swung the play crossfield and Divorty and Hallas combined to put Bentley clear.

SCORERS: Halifax: Tries: Divorty, Bishop, Preston, Bentley. Goals: Bishop (2). Hull KR: Tries: Liddiard, Chatfield. Goals: Shropshire (2).

HALIFAX: D Cooper; J Bentley, G Hallas, G Austin, M Preston; M Bailey (sub: C Perrott), P Bishop; K Harrison, C Robinson, B Stuart, G Lord, J Fieldhouse, G Divorty.

HULL KINGSTON ROVERS: M Fletcher; J Barlworth, C McKeough, D Liddiard, B Sodje, D Clark, G Chatfield, W Jackson (sub: C O'Brien), R Chamberlain, C O Baan (sub: W Parker), R Hutchinson, A Thompson (sub: C Harrison), P Speckman.

Referee: J Holdsworth.

Heroics by Bradford

BRADFORD Northern's pack, the cornerstone of an extraordinary 19-12 semi-final dismissal of Castleford at Valley Parade, is likely to be without prop Jon Hamer and hooker Brian Noble for the Regal Trophy final meeting with Wigan at Elland Road on January 23 (Christopher Irvine writes).

Hamer's disappearance with a broken collarbone and Noble's shoulder injury disrupted an attacking rhythm, which brought three tries in eight minutes, whereupon Bradford mounted an hour-long rearguard action that ensured them of a second final appearance in three seasons.

Although Castleford wasted five clear scoring opportunities, Bradford are a wholly different proposition from the team walloped 71-10 by Wigan in last season's Challenge Cup.

Bradford had three chances and grabbed each one. The forwards laid Castleford's defence bare to set up scores for Neil Summers and Steve McGowan before Fox's short pass sent David Hobbs crashing over.

Jonathan Davies is likely to remain at Naughton Park this season after the failure of Wakefield Trinity to sign the former Wales rugby union player.

IN BRIEF

O'Sullivan takes first title

Ronnie O'Sullivan, 17, became the youngest winner of a professional snooker tournament even though he was beaten 5-3 by John Parrott in his final match of the Nescafe League in Bangkok, yesterday.

O'Sullivan, from Chigwell, needed only three frames to guarantee the £12,500 first prize.

Jordan's mark

Basketball: Michael Jordan, of Chicago Bulls, became the second-fastest player, after Wilt Chamberlain, to reach 20,000 points in the National Basketball Association when he scored 35 points in a 120-95 win over Milwaukee Bucks.

Martinez on rise

Tennis: Conchita Martinez reclaimed her world No. 7 ranking by beating Magdalena Maleeva 6-3, 6-4 to win the Australian women's hardcourt championship in Brisbane yesterday. Boris Becker beat Goran Ivanisevic, 7-6, 4-6, 7-5 to win the Qatar Open in Doha.

Bonaly first

Ice skating: Surya Bonaly, the defending champion, finished first in her group at the women's qualifying round in the European championships in Helsinki yesterday.

Lowe on high

Darts: John Lowe, 47, won the world championship for the third time when he beat Alan Warriner, 6-3 in the final.

Angol suspended

Boxing: The European Boxing Union has suspended Derek Angol, the British cruiserweight, for three months for testing positive for drugs in October.

Second place

Athletics: Paula Radcliffe, from Bedford, finished second behind Catherina McKiernan in the Reebok Mallusk cross-country event in Belfast.

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"Those who liked dressing up and dancing to Latin jazz were dismayed by the New Age ambience of a typical Womad festival": the procession at Reading in 1990

Celebratory gestures are all very well for alleviating misery during a recession. But they can easily turn out to be premature. Such has been the unfortunate case with Womad (the World of Music, Arts and Dance): that seemingly indefatigable importer of drummers, Kora players, vocalists and dancers from all points of the globe. Last year all seemed to be going well with the pioneering world-music organisation. Indeed, Womad felt sufficiently pleased with its accomplishments to publish a lavish book and CD documenting ten years of festivals.

The pleasure was short-lived. Within a matter of months, the company faced financial oblivion. On December 30, six out of the eight Womad companies were placed in voluntary liquidation, with debts close to £300,000. Once more, company liquidators were picking through the dry bones of great hopes. And that is a great pity. From the first festival, an affair of almost surreal geographical and musical scope held in Shepton Mallet in 1982, to the recent expansion into events mounted in Spain, Japan, Canada and Australia, Womad has made an enormous contribution to the changing perception of popular music.

Remember what life was like before this explosion of global awareness that took place during the Eighties. Popular music was generally believed to exist only in Britain and America. Isolated European, Japanese and Antipodean rock acts were acknowledged with much bad grace and malevolent humour. Reggae, having made its indelible mark, was undergoing a sustained bout of the cold shoulder. At the most exotic extreme, occasional albums of salsa, samba or Afrobeat would appear in ambitious high street shops. But possession of these was regarded as a clear sign of soft-headedness.

Founded by Peter Gabriel, whose ears had first been opened by the African soundtrack to a Stanley Baker film, along with a group of Bristol enthusiasts, Womad launched itself feet first into this xenophobic atmosphere. Inviting performers from China, Bali, Burundi, Egypt, Ireland and India to an agricultural showground in Somerset, the organisers also invited disaster. Some 15,000 people over three days came to sample the new multiculturalism; far too few to pay for this extravaganza. The Indonesian gamelan orchestra alone threatened to outnumber the sparse number of spectators watching, and only a temporary reunion of Gabriel with his old band, Genesis, saved this fledgling operation from immediate insolvency.

> 'Hopes that world music might become fashionable have been swept aside'

By 1992, the organisation had negotiated enough close shaves and hair-whitening international negotiations to consider itself a fixture on the musical map. For this anniversary year to close with a catastrophe was ironic in the most painful way, particularly since the joint venture of Peter Gabriel's Real World record label and Womad had expanded to encourage recorded collaborations between musicians of many different countries and cultures.

With businesses collapsing in record numbers, was this just another case of cash drying up as the bank called a halt? Or did more complex factors contribute?

Speaking from Womad's headquarters in Box, Wiltshire, the managing director Thomas Brooman is adamant that this present crisis was brought about by a sudden hardening of attitude by Womad's bank, after the gradual accumulation of a heavy burden of debt. "It's in no way the result of some weekend folly," he claims. "We always suffered from financial bootlaces that were too short. Although in the last two years we'd managed to get the organisation onto a very professional footing, the bottom line was that we were still carrying forward the results of our previous financial shortfalls."

Despite the healthy income from Womad's festival productions (the three events held in England last year attracted more than 30,000 paying customers) the organisation was never able to attract substantial commercial sponsorship. "Nor were we ever successful," admits Brooman, "in getting art subsidy for Womad as an infrastructure. We've only managed to get fairly small grants for project work."

In fact the Arts Council stepped in at the eleventh hour to offer £15,000 a year to the Womad foundation, an educational charity which has survived the liquidation. While this educational work is undoubtedly valuable, the festivals have been the showcase medium through which Womad has propagated a global vision of free-flowing artistic exchange.

Brooman denies that Womad's problems were anything other than financial, or indeed different to the problem suffered by many small businesses and virtually all arts organisations during the last few years. "What I'm complaining about," he insists, "is part of a pattern rather than anything particular to Womad. We remain an organisation in need of subsidy."

Yet the perception of world music has changed dramatically during the period of Womad's existence. Initially an unknown quantity except to a tiny number of enthusiasts, world music has passed through a succession of phases: first novelty interest, then elite fashionability, followed by the marketing exercise which led to the use of the term "world music". In the headier moments of this process, world music was hailed as a symptom of disillusionment with mass-market pop and rock.

Inevitably, the notion of a unified world-music market began to reveal its flaws. Those who liked the idea of dressing up and dancing to Latin jazz were dismayed by the New Age ambience of a typical Womad festival, with its stalls selling juggling equipment, crystals and hand-painted shoes. For others, the novelty simply wore off.

Meanwhile, house music and grunge rock swept aside any hopes that world music might become truly fashionable. Womad bravely moved with the tide, incorporating rap, rave and ragga into its festival programme, yet the liberal foundations of the organisation sometimes buckled under the pressure. In November, Jamaican ragga artist Buju Banton was removed from the bill of Womad's winter festival after refusing to disown the allegedly homophobic lyrics of his song, "Boom By Bye".

Brooman accepts that Womad's ambitions are now problematic. Yet he still retains hope. At present engaged in salvage discussions with Gabriel's Real World organisation (not affected by the liquidation), he hopes to restructure the operation on a smaller scale. "We haven't experienced this business failure as a result of a lack of demand for what we supply," he says. But whatever type of bird emerges from the ashes, it is certain to differ from the previous incarnation. Long saddled with a "ramshackle" image, Womad can perhaps help to usher in a new era for the changing musics of the world.

DANCE: **John Percival** on potted classics by the Bolshoi at the Albert Hall

Thrust but not full throttle

This season is not intended for those of us who are already familiar with the ballets being presented; nor for those who remember the days when the Bolshoi Ballet was a far stronger company than it is now. So I tried to imagine, during the opening performance on Saturday, how I would find the programme if, as an ordinary punter, I had responded to the immense advertising campaign and the hysterical media hype and had paid out good money for a ticket.

I might have felt disgruntled that what was announced as a proscenium stage built for the season is in fact nothing of the sort. There is a big, open thrust stage; *behind* this is a proscenium arch masking a small lobby where a few extras can sit or stand; and where a fragment of the decor for each ballet can be displayed.

Not much of that would be visible, I guess, from the cheapest seats, which at £25 offer a vertiginous view from far above the rear of the performing area. At £35 you are either way, way up, or on a decent level but behind much of the action. Even from my top-price seat (£65) I was often watching the dancers against the background of other spectators across the hall.

So what idea, in these circumstances, do Yuri Grigorovich's "suites" from different ballets give of the original works? Not much, I think. In the case of *Swan Lake*, the middle work on the opening bill, he offers just Act III of his own idiosyncratic production. Do not expect the moonlit lakeside associated with this ballet in most minds; this is a set of show-off dances with, towards the end, some dramatic incidents fairly meaningless out of context.

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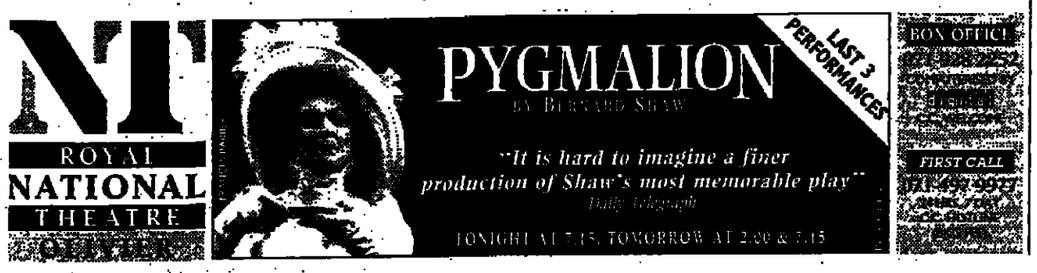
Nadezhda Gracheva (Juliet) and Yuri Klevtsov (Romeo) in the Bolshoi's condensed version of Romeo and Juliet

Still, the display of raw technique was enthusiastically applauded, especially Galina Stepanenko's *fouettés*, a prodigious display of revolving on the spot at high speed with legs flickering in and out. Exceedingly clever, so who cares that in other respects she is lacking in ballerina qualities: inexpressive, not very musical and too short and square-shouldered for good line? Andrei Uvarov, her partner, only 21 and new in leading roles, looks more interesting. Not much evidence of acting ability, but he is long-limbed, with a broad sweep of movement, if not always totally secure in his finishes.

A male dancer was the best thing in the *Golden Age Suite*, too. The role of the villainous Yashka was made for Gedeminas Taranda, who gave it a comically evil personality and ferocity in his dancing. But the uninspired dancing of the rest of the cast did nothing to clarify a plot that is confusing enough complete, let alone in brief extracts. Shostakovich's music is attractive, however, and the opening tango to "Tea for Two" got the audience off in a good mood.

Nor can I say that the selection of scenes to represent *Romeo and Juliet* made much dramatic sense: the Capulets' ball, the balcony duet, and the deaths of Mercutio and Tybalt. Grigorovich's version is theatrically and choreographically half-baked, anyway, compared with either the Bolshoi's staging by Lavrovsky (which opened their triumphant 1956 London season), or those given by every major British company. It needs big, bold performances to make anything of it, and the two young principals this time, Nadezhda Gracheva and Yuri Klevtsov, lacked bite.

The BBC Concert Orchestra seemed to play decently under Alexander Kopylov and Algis Zhuraitis; but its placing, well forward at the north end of the hall under the stage, made some instruments almost inaudible from my seat.



No sporting glory for V&A trophies

ARTS BRIEFING

THE Victoria and Albert Museum's attempt to hire out its exhibition space has not gone well. In the two months since it opened, fewer than 10,000 visitors have been attracted to "Sporting Glory", an exhibition of sports trophies, and the museum is now contemplating ditching the show before its scheduled February 14 closing date. One deterrent to potential crowds could be the £4.95 admission charge. "But that's what we charged for 'Visions of Japan', and it drew them in," said a V&A spokeswoman. Perhaps, then, the truth is that sporty types don't visit museums, and museum types don't want to stare at the Calcutta Cup and other shining emblems of laddish endeavour.

Either way, the exhibition has put its organisers, Sporting Trophies Exhibitions Ltd, in trouble. The company, formed by Lord Burghersh (life president of the St Moritz Sporting Club, and heir to the Earl of Westmoreland), has now sent out formal notices of a creditors' meeting. One of those creditors is the V&A. As they say in the locker-rooms: you win some, you lose some.

● HOWARD KEEL, the strapping baritone from MGM musicals of the Fifties, is poised to become the world's expert on British Rail. Barry Clayman Concerts have thoughtfully arranged an exhausting farewell tour that will send the silver-haired star of *Annie Get Your Gun* on a zigzag trek across the country. For 34 consecutive nights, Keel will find himself in a different theatre, and a different hotel bed. The tour gives no thought to geography: from Crawley, for instance, he travels up to Sheffield, down to Norwich, then up to Glasgow. So it continues until April 12, when the Keel express pulls into London at the Barbican. On April 13, his first free day since the tour began on March 10, Keel turns 74.

Matisse rivals

NO DOUBT the Matisse show which opens at the Pompidou Centre in Paris on February 25 and runs until June 21 will be wonderful and revelatory. But is it the same show as the Matisse exhibition which has been wowing them at the Museum of Modern Art in New York for the last four months? That is the common assumption, but it appears not to be the case. The Paris show is large (some 130 works) and will overlap with New York, but it is confined to what the organisers regard as the crucial years of Matisse's long career, 1904-1917. This means that the period when Matisse was a committed Fauvist will be covered in such depth as never before.

Paris claims to have extracted more key works from Russia than New York did, though still, it seems, not the major absentee, *La Musique*, which has been judged too fragile to travel from the Hermitage. More information from the Centre Pompidou (010-33-1-4478-1233).

● GEORGE ORWELL, not the most optimistic of souls, would have been cheered to have known that his great satirical novel, *Animal Farm*, has lasted longer than the Soviet regime it so devastatingly debunked. Fifty this year, *Animal Farm* is to be staged next month by Northern Stage in an adaptation by Ian Wooldridge. Alan Lyddiard's production opens at the Gulbenkian Theatre in Newcastle on February 9, then visits the Tron, Glasgow, before touring venues in the north of England.

Artist hard at work: see "Matisse rivals"

Last chance . . .

SHAW said that his final revision of *Pygmalion*, which incorporated bits of the film, was probably unperformable. For better or worse, the Olivier Theatre's technology proves him wrong. With several outdoor scenes added to the original text, Howard Davies's staging tends to be stronger on visual effect than on bite and wit; and Alan Howard is a less credibly crusty Higgins than Alec McCowen was in 1974. But with Frances Barber's Eliza in feisty, winsome mood, the production is worth catching before it ends at the National Theatre (071-928 2252) tomorrow.

TIMES GALA CONCERT OFFER

A night with Carreras

The Australia Day Gala Concert at the Royal Opera House in the presence of the Prince of Wales

On Sunday, January 31, José Carreras sings at the Australia Day Gala Concert at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden — and you could be there to see him perform.

It will be an evening to remember. Carreras will sing Tosti's song, "L'ultima canzone", "Lippen schweigen" (in duet with Yvonne Kenny) from Lehár's *Merry Widow*, "Una furtiva lagrima" from *L'Elisir d'amore*, and — with Kenny, Joan Carden, Suzanne Johnston and Jonathan Summers — "Brindisi" from Act I of *La Traviata*.

The varied programme includes Sir Charles Mackerras conducting the Australian Gala Concert Orchestra, Leslie Howard (piano), Penelope Thwaites (piano), James Morrison (trumpet) and John Williams (guitar).

It will be a practical evening, too: the concert, which is sponsored by Foster's, is in aid of the Australian Musical Foundation in London (of which the Prince of Wales is patron in chief) and the José Carreras International Leukaemia Foundation.

● *If you would like seats at the gala evening, either call in person at the Royal Opera House Box Office, 48 Floral Street, London WC2E 7QA (10am-8pm), or telephone 071-240 1911/1066, quoting "Australia Day Gala Times Offer". Tickets for the orchestra stalls cost £75 each and, exclusively for Times readers, the price includes pre-concert drinks and canapés, and a gala souvenir programme priced at £10.*

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

LONDON

PLG YOUNG ARTISTS NEW YEAR SERIES: The Park Lane Group's regular January fixture (so successful it has now been augmented by another series in spring) offers a productive encounter between new performers and new chamber music. This year's featured composers are Nicholas Maw and Edward McGuire. Tonight pianist Thomas Ades performs works by Maw, Kurtág, Ruders and Messiaen, and gives the first performance of his *Still Sorrowing* (6.30pm); and six players perform a mixed programme of works by James McMillan, Jonathan Harvey, Edward McGuire and others (8pm).
Purcell Room, South Bank, London, SE1 (071-928 8800). Mon-Fri evgs 6.30pm and 8pm.

CINDERELLA: Nicola Roberts and Michael Nunn (replacing an injured Errol Pickford) take the leads in Ashton's delightful ballet.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911). 7.30pm

THE NUTCRACKER: Final performances this week of Ben Stevenson's production for the English National Ballet
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm

EDVARD MUNCH: Coincidentally with the "Border Crossings" show at the Barbican, which includes some significant later Munchs, comes this major show devoted to the paintings, drawings and prints made by Munch in the 1890s in connection with his great autobiographical scheme *The Frieze of Life*, which was to deal with the universal themes of Love and Death and the angst which links the two. Some 85 pieces are drawn from three great Norwegian collections
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (071-839 3321). Daily, 10am-6pm (Wed to 8pm), until February 7.

THE GAMES OF LOVE AND CHANCE: Maggie Steed, disguised as a servant, discovers true love and obedience in one of Marivaux's better contrivances. Mike Alfreds and Neil Bartlett co-direct.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Opens tonight, 7pm, then in repertory.

TATYANA NIKOLAEVA: The pianist plays Bach's "Well-Tempered Klavier" Preludes and Fugues Book 1 Nos 1-12 in the first of four concerts.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, London W1 (071-935 2141), 7.30pm.

CREATIVE POWERS OF AGE: An exhibition that sets out to prove that age is no barrier to creativity. Works from unknowns sit alongside examples from Stephane Grappelli, Chagall, Matisse and others
Olivier Theatre Foyer, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252), open daily until January 20.

REGIONAL

GUILDFORD: Peter Knapp and his energetic touring company **Travelling Opera** perform their lively versions of Bizet's *Carmen* (Mon, Tues), Puccini's *La Bohème* (Wed, Thurs) and Rossini's *The Barber of Seville* (Fri, Sat)
Yvonne Arnaud, Millbrook (0483 60191). Mon-Thurs, 7.45pm, Fri, Sat, 8pm.

OXFORD: A new comedy by John Godber takes the lid off the lechery at **The Office Party**. Performed by Hull Truck Theatre Company
Playhouse Theatre, 11-12 Beaumont Street (0865 798600). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm.

LIVERPOOL: The three-week season of new work by local authors continues with *Growing Up* by the Everyman Youth Theatre (Mon, Tues) and Liam Lloyd's *The Dark Side*, a harrowing portrait of passion, addiction and one woman's fight to be free (Wed-Sat)
The Studio, Playhouse, Williamson Square (051-709 8478). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **BARNUM**. Agreeable Christmas treat, with Paul Nicholas walking the high wire. Bouncy numbers by Cy Coleman and Michael Stewart.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8845). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 140mins.

☐ **CARMEN JONES**: Final week of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

■ **CAROUSEL**. Joanna Riding and Michael Hayden star in a triumphant revival of the Rodgers & Hammerstein fairground musical.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.15pm. 180mins.

☐ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC**. Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

☐ **FROM A JACK TO A KING**: Witty and stylish pastiche of *Macbeth*, set in the world of rock bands and packed with Sixties songs
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm. 120mins. Final week.

☐ **GRACE**: Anna Massey and James Laurenson in nicely acted but superficial play about televangelists in Yorkshire
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

■ **HAMLET**. Kenneth Branagh superb in Adrian Noble's excellent production. Uncut version.
Barbican, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 6.30pm. 270mins

☐ **HAY FEVER**. Very funny performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's excellent comedy.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats, Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◩ **IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY**: Larks in the hospital common room; matron outraged, doctors flummoxed. Ray Cooney farce with lots of laughs.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 135mins

☐ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND**. Anna Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Martin Shaw in Wilde's "insider dealing" melodrama. Some dated assumptions but stylishly done.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mins.

☐ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN**: Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical. It coarsens the values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita Rivera makes a striking vamp
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins

☐ **LOST IN YONKERS**: Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

■ **MADNESS IN VALENCIA**: Enjoyably stylish Spanish discovery: lovers mad for love sheltering in a madhouse. Good show.
Gate, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. 125mins. Final week.

☐ **ME AND MY GIRL**: Final week of the cheerful "Lambeth Walk" musical.
Adelphi, Strand, WC2 (071-836 7611). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4.30pm. 165mins

◩ **MISERY**: Sharon Gless and Bill Paterson in American grand guignol, good characterisation for Stephen King addicts.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins

☐ **OUR SONG**. Peter O'Toole in Keith Waterhouse's play about a menopausal male's infatuation with a young woman. Neatly done though we only hear the man's point of view
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8.15pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm. 135mins.

☐ **A PENNY FOR A SONG**: A Dorset household of eccentrics defend their shores from Napoleon's fleet: John Whiting's engaging comedy.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ **THE PRISONER OF ZENDA**: David Haig plays the dashing Rudolph Rassendyll in the best of all romantic adventures, staged with exuberance, laughs and really exciting sword fights.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm.

◩ **THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE**: Alison Steadman and Jane Horrocks in Jim Cartwright's play about a shy girl escaping her raucous mother. Ingenious but incredible.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT**: Simon Cadell, John Wells, Richard Kane, Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in Giles Havergal's marvellous adaptation of Graham Greene's novel.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins.

☐ **TRELAWNY OF THE "WELLS"**: Pinero's comedy about theatre folk in mid-Victorian London. Successful only in parts and the minor parts at that. Stars Michael Hordern and Sarah Brightman.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 150mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◩ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... ☐ **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)**: Arts Theatre (071-836 2132) ... ☐ **Dancing at Lughnasa**: Garrick (071-494 5085) ... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ◩ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◩ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◩ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ◩ **Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

Ticket information supplied by Society of West End Theatre

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

DANZON: Mexican telephone operator searches for lost dancing partner. Intoxicating music, good atmosphere, and a plot gently going nowhere. Director, Maria Novaro
ICA (071-930 3647).

L.627 (15): The Paris police drugs squad's daily routine: stake-outs, violence, paperwork. Vividly filmed by Bertrand Tavernier, though too long for its material. Starring Didier Bezace, Nils Tavernier
Lumière (071-836 0691)

MAN TROUBLE (15): Ellen Barkin hires Jack Nicholson's guard dog but finds no security. Talent wasted in dreadful comedy from director Bob Rafelson
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353)

RAISING CAIN (15): Split personality John Lithgow kidnaps kids, terrorises Lolita Davidovich, and bores the audience. Ludicrous hokum from director Brian De Palma.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310)

◆ **RESERVOIR DOGS** (18): A jewel robbery goes haywire. Quirky tale of betrayal, loyalty and violence from bright new talent Quentin Tarantino
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

CURRENT

◆ **THE BODYGUARD** (15). Kevin Costner as the bodyguard who falls for his showbiz charge (Whitney Houston). Jumbled drama, from a 1975 Lawrence Kasdan script. Director, Mick Jackson.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

CHAPLIN (12): A skilled impersonation by Robert Downey Jr, but Richard Attenborough's bitty biographical epic never penetrates far inside the man or his career
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Odeon Leicester Square** (0426 915683)

◆ **DEATH BECOMES HER** (PG). Meryl Streep and Goldie Hawn battle to attain eternal youth. Ice-cold black comedy, ultimately swamped by special effects. Stars Bruce Willis, director, Robert Zemeckis
Empire (071-497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **A FEW GOOD MEN** (15): Cocky naval lawyer (Tom Cruise) defends marines accused of murder. Devilishly seductive courtroom drama starring Demi Moore, Jack Nicholson.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574).

◆ **OF MICE AND MEN** (PG): Steinbeck's classic Depression tale of friendship and innocence. John Malkovich as the slow-witted Lennie; director Gary Sinise as his protector. Simple, sturdy and moving.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

◆ **PETER'S FRIENDS** (15): College pals meet up after a decade for a glib mixture of laughter and tears. Kenneth Branagh directs himself, Emma Thompson, Stephen Fry, Rita Rudner, Hugh Laurie, Imelda Staunton.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Plaza** (071-497 9999).

TOUS LES MATINS DU MONDE (12): Wonderful, melancholy portrait of French Baroque musicians Sainte-Colombe (Jean-Pierre Marielle) and his pupil Marin Marais (Gérard and Guillaume Depardieu). Also starring Anne Brochet; director, Alain Corneau.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366).

A WINTER'S TALE (12): A Paris hairdresser's quest for true love one summer in Brittany. Eric Rohmer near his best: elegant, clear-eyed, realistic. A film laced with magic. Stars Charlotte Véry, Michel Voletti, Herve Furic.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

THEATRE: **Jeremy Kingston** enjoys a delightful revival of a 1920s musical comedy

Period charms in a perfect setting

Mr Cinders
King's Head, Islington

MARILYN KINGWILL

Not a musical, but a comedy with music: Jane Lesley, Samuel West and Lisa Peace in Mr Cinders

THIS enjoyable revival will re-acquaint audiences with the charm of Vivian Ellis's songs and should also serve to warn managements of the hazards of a compilation show.

Last year 32 Ellis numbers were hitched together by this same theatre as a tribute, but an upheaval in the cast and a sudden replacement for the West End transfer proved disastrous. I singled out for particular dislike "On the Amazon" where a fake explorer bamboozles two girls by inventing names for the fierce beasts he claims to have seen. Entirely without merit, it seemed to me.

Lo and behold, context and performance are all. Samuel West, playing the downtrodden, though always perky, brother who cannot go to the fancy dress ball, happens on an explorer's costume, disguises himself further with dashing moustache and monocle under his goggles, and must fool the entire assembly with his non-existent knowledge. Such is West's agility and grace that his account of howling hyperdermics and wild iodoforms is ridiculous and engaging at the same time.

In a speech of thanks afterwards, Ellis, now 88, called his 1928 show not a musical but a comedy with music. I dare say he is right, and credit goes to the late Greatrex Newman and Clifford Grey for so neatly sex-changing the Cinderella story.

The two selfish brothers (played by Chris Villiers and Charles Edwards), only ugly when they tog up in 18th-century wigs and patches, must flip uneasily from minor villains to alternative love interest. But apart from this oddity the book is sturdy enough to bear the artfully rhyming, often wistful tunes — ten by Ellis, five by Richard Myers.

They mostly emerge logically from the situation, something which English musicals of the period are often criticised for not achieving, as though integration of music and drama was unknown before *Oklahoma*.

Left alone in front of the hearth, West gives a wry little smile and, to cheer himself up, sings "Spread a Little Happiness". He does not belt out the number, and, in truth, his light voice is best suited to a theatre of this small size; Martin Connor directs him to face right or left, hardly ever directly at us, and this adds significantly to the song's sense of intimacy.

Gillian Gregory's choreography copes ably with the confines of the narrow stage: one of the four couples must Charleston on the sofa, but wasn't that what the Twenties were about? Dancing with the elbows tucked into the waist is period as well as space-saving.

Sally Anne Triplett, as the rich girl pretending to be a cockney maid, brings a fetching humour to her repartee and a grave sincerity to her love songs. As her cousin, hungrier for boys, Helen Hobson adorns her high notes with operatic embellishments. I don't know why the lights are lowered for the love songs. Perhaps that's the Twenties too. Delightful.

THEATRE: **Martin Hoyle** on a new play that does not quite do justice to an ambitious theme

More mad than bad

Foreign Lands
Finborough

THE celebration of women's writing (six new plays) at this Earls Court pub theatre kicks off with an unashamedly big theme: the power of evil. Karen Hope's play takes a believable setting, rows of terraced houses in the working class north, and into it puts what most of us would categorise as straightforward wickedness: a mass killer of small children.

The author's intention is to make us accept that some people can be simply evil. The play reminds us of the Moors murders and their perpetrators, still in prison after a quarter of a century. Here, however, a killer comes out after 18 years and returns to the area of her crimes.

This is established in a long and unevenly constructed first act, as motherly Barbara and her autistic daughter Ellen greet their new lodger. All three women have secrets in their past: the mysterious newcomer, Rosie, a teacher in correspondence courses with her degree in social sciences, religious convictions and unreal articulateness; Ellen with her gift for telling you what day of the week any historical date was; and even her mother, comfortably observing that "we've all got our obsessions". Yes indeed.

The arrival of Rosie's jailmate and lesbian lover thickens the texture to the point of turgidity. The second act goes off at a tangent as they analyse their relationship, more of the past is revealed than the lover can stomach, and Rosie's religious bent leads to a bloody conclusion.

Here the author misses her aim. The murderess is patently unbalanced. Sheer, clear-sighted evil she is not, despite an admission that she killed for enjoyment. We need more than that to convince us. As proof of her irredeemable badness, the play offers the climactic revelation that she murdered a little girl as well as five boys: an argument calculated to shock only those feminists for whom male children are more expendable than females.

Jessica Dromgoole's direction leaves one or two crucial passages in the literal as well as the metaphorical murk. The cast of four give committed performances. As the Geordie mother and daughter, Marlene Sidaway and Tracy Gillman have an easier task than the voluble jailbirds.

CONCERT: **Stephen Pettitt** hears a persuasive account of William Alwyn's unfashionable music

Flourish from the Fifties

LSO/Hickox
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THERE is a brand of British symphonic music from the Fifties that has about the same modishness these days as Formica-topped coffee tables. Existing outside the trends set by the young disciples of serialism or the individualisms of Tippett and Britten, this was a music — composed by figures such as Malcolm Arnold, Peter Racine Fricker, Alan Rawsthorne — whose resolutely conservative language descended from the line of Vaughan Williams, Holst and Walton.

It often adopted a stance which betrayed received views of what a symphony ought to be, rather than showing any will to assist the form's evolution; and it was soaked in the easily gained epic effects derived from much film music of the era.

But it would be grossly unfair to dismiss all such music as unworthy of attention. The quality of William Alwyn's Third Symphony, for instance, which came after a sparkling reading of Vaughan Williams's *Wasps* overture in Richard Hickox's concert with the London Symphony Orchestra on Thursday, is generally high.

The piece, completed in 1956, is a complex argument, even though Alwyn tends to reiterate ideas and motifs too insistently, and he cannot resist an opportunity to write brassy climaxes, so that they become anticlimactic. Another miscalculation occurs at the finish, when the long, unexpectedly calm coda at the end of an otherwise furious and dense finale is crowned by a loud splash of sound which seems gratuitous, engineered to win easy applause.

Against such things, however, must be set many positive qualities. The language, though indebted to the usual models (Vaughan Williams's Fourth Symphony and Walton's First Symphony in the third movement, for instance), has a confident richness about it which is both expressively and dramatically employed.

The orchestration is always deft, and the formal premise, which entails the exploration within firmly tonal boundaries of an eight-note row in the first movement and a four-note row in the tritone-dominated second, before the two rows are made to collide in the third, works very well. Something of the originality and clarity of Robert Simpson emerges here. The LSO's performance was a fine and proud one.

Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*, the closing piece of the evening, certainly brings in large audiences. But its sentimental aspects nauseate, and its crude rhythmic repetition qualifies it for amplification and the former Hammersmith Odeon, where the besuited foot-tappers who in this performance added their own contribution to the already copious percussion might feel free to rave in the aisles.

Still, the London Symphony Chorus sang with gusto and, where required, control; as did the Southend Boys' Choir in its couple of numbers. Donald Maxwell was happy to emphasise the more lascivious side of the baritone solos; the soprano Janice Watson played up the desolation of her role; and the countertenor Michael Chance as the poor old Roasted Swan threw in about a hundred tons of pathos.

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Fire alongside ice in Greeneland

Times literary editor **Daniel Johnson** assesses the accuracy of a television biography of Graham Greene

Graham Greene was a prodigiously talented writer, but it would be impossible to make a satisfactory television programme, let alone a three-part mini-series, solely about his writing. Hence, *The Graham Greene Trilogy* (BBC 2), shown on successive evenings over the weekend, was devoted mainly to the man, with his books used mainly to illustrate his life. Even after the three hours of *Arena*'s impressively documented biography, however, Greene remained elusive.

We were told time and again by Greene's friends and acquaintances about the air of mystery which he deliberately fostered around himself, the secrecy and anonymity which were his trademark; yet, in his own appearances, the mask never slipped and in those of his intimates the secrets remained concealed. He made himself the most famous writer in the English language, yet covered his tracks so well that practically nobody really knew him. And yet the quality of his best novels stands as proof that the sum of his personae was more than the often unappealing parts.

Though capable of an intense sort of friendship which was characteristic of his class and generation, and in the case of a few women and priests could apparently resemble love, Greene emerged as a cold fish. Indeed, he gloried in the "splinter of ice" which he found in his own heart. The woman who spotted that Greene — one of six children of a "disciplinarian" headmaster and a "queenly" mother — had "never been cuddled much" was quite right; but she had an affair with him anyway.

Whether this cold-blooded detachment from the consequences of his actions might not shade into cruelty on occasion remained unclear. His abandonment of his wife Vivien and two children, knowing that her principles would allow her neither to divorce him nor to emulate his promiscuity, was selfish; her life was blighted in a way that his was not. Yet they wrote to one another until his death, and her memories of him were mostly warm. Less excusable, perhaps, was his penchant for practical jokes — the mark, as Vivien noted, of a deeply unhappy man.

Yet Greene also exuded a sexual magnetism which his mistresses, interviewed on the programme, had evidently not forgotten. Perhaps the most amusing of the many entertaining guest stars in this documentary was a former head of MI6, who described a visit to Sierra Leone during the second world war while Greene was working there alone for the secret service. The novelist, who later described his experiences as an agent in *Our Man in Havana*, was apparently more interested in obtaining condoms than in spying on the Germans.

> 'The most famous writer in English covered his tracks so well that nobody really knew him'

Mention of his short-lived, slightly surreal career as a spook inevitably brings Kim Philby into the picture. Some of the most revealing insights into Greene's tortured soul came from the celebrated traitor himself. As John Le Carré pointed out, Philby was "a shit"; yet Greene went out of his way to defend Philby in public and, later, to seek him out in Moscow, which the old villain evidently found both flattering and bewildering.

Anthony Burgess, whose barbed but percipient observations were among the highlights of this trilogy, hit the mark when he criticised Greene's "pontifical" manner in later years. Many famous writers are prey to dubious political causes, but in Greene's case the combination of a love of exotic travel and a romantic attachment to self-appointed liberators caused him to become embroiled in political conflicts of which he really knew little.

His desire to side with the poor was made much of in Central America, but going to Czechoslovakia just after the Soviet invasion (they might also have mentioned his visit to East Germany just after the Wall was built and his admiration for Fidel Castro) looks more like siding with the big battalions. *The Power and the Glory* and *The Comedians* have aged well because the tyrannies they attack — anticlerical socialists in Mexico and Papa Doc in Haiti — were indubitably evil. *Getting to Know the General*, on the other hand, is an embarrassing eulogy of a Panamanian dictator, "benevolent" only if, like Greene, you were useful to him.

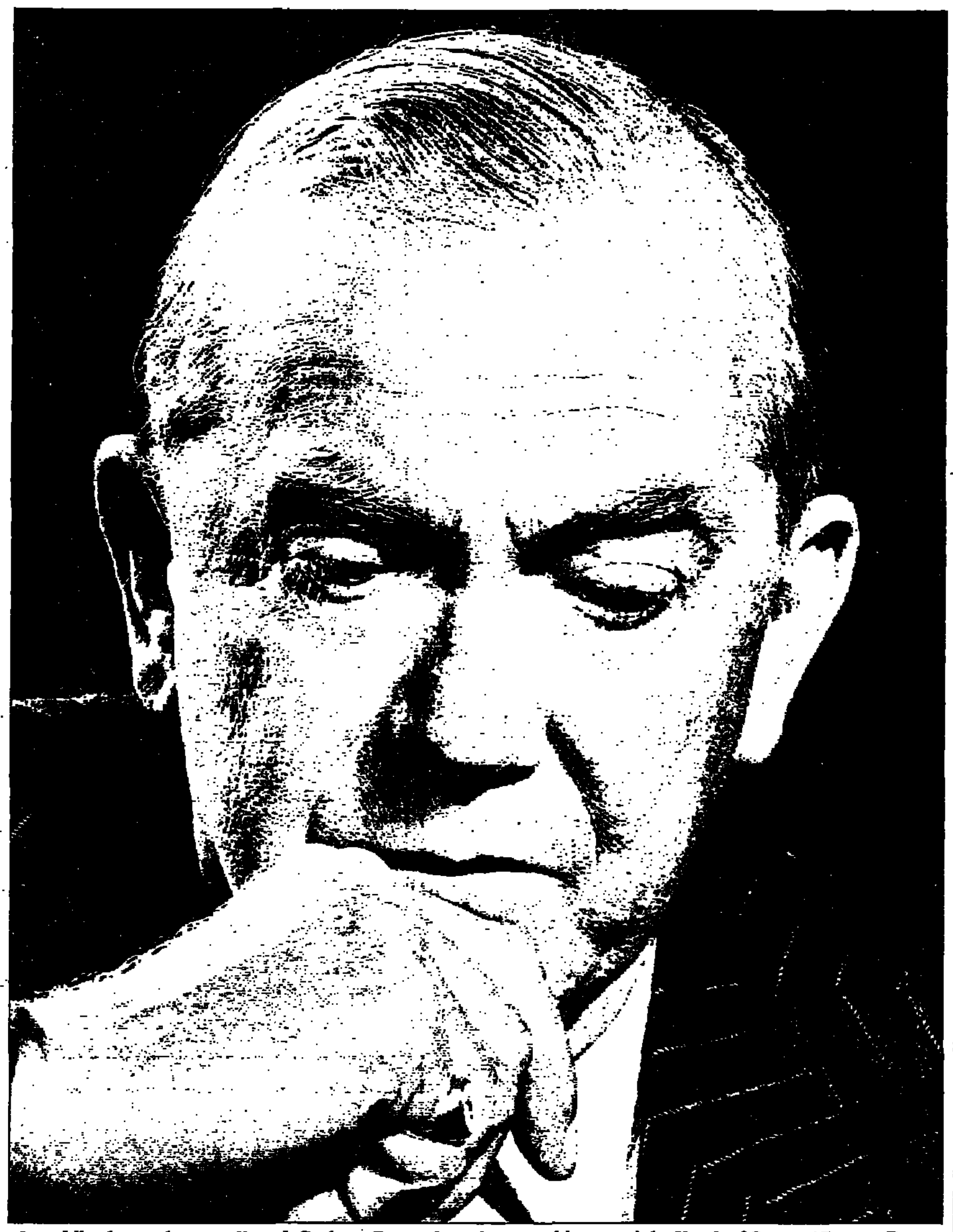
More than one witness tried to explain away the pro-communism and anti-Americanism of his later years by reference to Catholicism in general, or "liberation theology" in particular. All three of the programmes dwelt on Greene's distinctive moral and theological convictions at length. Few critics now refer to him as a "Catholic novelist" (a term he anyway abhorred), but for many years he was seen through that distorting prism.

His conversion, due mainly to his wife, was the one epiphany in a life that was otherwise a wasteland and might easily have ended with him succumbing to the manic depression which had afflicted him since adolescence, and which led him to play Russian roulette.

From the time of *Brighton Rock*, Greene made use in his fiction of a home-spun version of Catholic theology — sometimes, Burgess sneered, as a substitute for psychology. Father Leopoldo Duran, Greene's confessor and the model for Monsignor Quixote, admired the way in which the novelist seemed to keep religion in the forefront of his thoughts constantly. Unlike many converts, Greene seems never to have quailed under the onslaught of orthodoxy: any priest who did not tolerate his idiosyncrasies was swiftly banished from his presence.

The old priest in *Brighton Rock* was the prototype of many more: "You can't conceive, my child, nor can I, or anyone the ... appalling ... strangeness of the mercy of God." Greene consoled himself with the thought that, if Catholicism was true, he still, no matter what he had done, could hope to avoid the extinction which he feared as retribution for his sins.

Greene stands as the supreme exemplar of those English intellectuals who flourished in an era when a literary phosphorescence still flickered above the graveyard of empire. He was often called prescient; in reality, his prophetic voice was his least successful. He lived for the present, for the evanescent moment of ecstasy and the melancholy literary post-mortem.



In public, the mask never slipped: Graham Greene in a photographic portrait by Karsh of Ottawa/Camera Press

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All in a happy family

FORMER child prodigies who achieved pop fame with an erratic procession of pop-soul hits between 1975 and 1985, the four Philadelphia-born Sledge sisters, Debbie, Joni, Kathy and Kim, achieved beatification as eternal dance divas thanks to the enduring appeal of the 1979 album, *We Are Family*, produced by Bernard Edwards and Nile Rodgers of Chic. Its songs were characterised by sure-footed grooves, lush strings and the hyperkinetic drive of Rodgers's guitar. But **Sister Sledge** customised that distinctive Chic sound to their own ends and in so doing defined some of disco's finest moments.

The album's title track has already hit the British charts twice, and looks set to do so again: a new and happily sympathetic re-mix has been lifted from the forthcoming *Best Of*... package celebrating the quartet's twentieth anniversary. A 16-date tour of Britain's clubs, including four such appearances at The Fridge in Brixton, finds the four Sledges again reduced to three — Kathy has returned after a well-received solo album, but Joni is absent on maternity leave. Their grace, good humour and vocal prowess remain uncompromised however.

Sister Sledge realise quite rightly that their reputation rests most securely on a mere trinity of hits and so base their act around them: "Lost in Music", the gorgeous "Thinking of You", and that titular "We Are Family", long since an anthem for gay-rights activists, and at The Fridge greeted with something approaching contained hysteria. A romp through Chic's "Everybody Dance" sustained the momentum, while it was to both the Sisters' and their audience's credit that an *a cappella* rendition of "Give Yourself to Jesus" was received in relatively respectful silence. What Sister Sledge are really about though is those hits and here, led by Kathy in superaerobicised form, they performed them in all their tacky but glorious perfection.

ALAN JACKSON

OPERA: In Leeds, **Rodney Milnes** is impressed by Opera North's *Don Carlos*

Unquiet Don

To see *Don Carlos* at La Scala and Opera North within a month was instructive: nothing could demonstrate more clearly the multi-faceted richness of the operatic experience. The aims of the two new productions could scarcely have been more different — they coincided only in the use of Verdi's 1884 four-act revision. Milan aimed at vocal splendour and cosmetic staging; the latter was achieved with grim efficiency, but the former only intermittently, and if La Scala cannot cast *Carlos* satisfactorily today, what chances have Opera North? Nevertheless, one came away from Milan having experienced certain grandiose musical effects that could probably not be achieved anywhere else.

John Tomlinson: Philip II in all his tragic stature

At the Grand Theatre in Leeds the aim — on about a tenth of the budget — was to investigate and release the full power of not just Verdi the composer, but Verdi the dramatist, Verdi the philosopher. Hildegard Bechtler's atmospherically spare settings, school of Appia with their towering plain surfaces, and Nicky Gillibrand's unfussy costumes (the only miscalculation being Carlos's bumfreezer jacket, which made the poor man look like an aging Little Lord Fauntleroy) allowed Tim Albery to concentrate without distracting frippery on the pitiless dramatic action in a production of equally pitiless intellectual rigour.

That is not to belittle the musical values. Paul Daniel's approach was just as serious, almost to a fault in some Teutonic rather than Latin ritardandos, and if he and the orchestra revelled in the richness of the instrumental writing at the occasional expense of balance with the stage, who can altogether blame them?

No, the strength of the evening lay in the preparation. A disparate, affordable cast had been helped to give of their very best — those whose work was already known surpassed expectations — and give it, in Andrew Porter's English translation, in the language of the audience. It is months, if not years, since the bond of communication between singers and audience has seemed so tangible.

The clarity of the diction, and the naturalness with which Albery and Daniel ensured that the lines were delivered, made certain scenes almost too painful to witness in the rawness of feeling they exposed — especially the duet for the King and Posa and the whole of the Study Scene and the poignant final duet.

Anthony Michaels-Moore's warm-toned, elegant Posa would grace any performance of *Carlos* anywhere, and John Tomlinson, in addition to fining his Wagnerian instrument down to Verdian proportions (very occasionally losing pitch in the process), conveyed the tragic stature of Verdi's absolute ruler more forcefully than any singer I have heard — no, I am not forgetting Christoff. Linda McLeod has everything for Elisabeth, including a lovely soft top G sharp; if she could overcome some unfocused notes above the stave, she could be world-class. Claire Powell's mettlesome Eboli lit up the stage whenever she entered.

The American tenor Richard Burke, making his British debut in the title role, displayed some unruly tuning under pressure and some inelegantly slithery phrasing; investing him with characteristics of the historical (dotty) Carlos as opposed to Schiller's and Verdi's version is arguably the only flaw in Albery's reading, but Burke rose to the final duet with some plangently poetic singing.

In sum, if not consistently in parts, a shattering evening.

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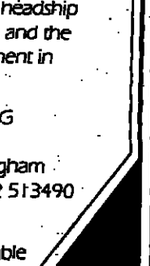

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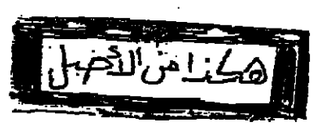

Artful squeeze on arts degrees

John O'Leary takes a critical look at the government's methods of reducing university expansion

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If there has to be a U-turn on the expansion of higher education through a fee cut for the most popular courses, Christmas week would be an ideal time. So it was last month, in the middle of the parliamentary recess and the academic vacation, that a 30 per cent reduction in the amount universities receive for extra students on arts and social science degrees passed almost unnoticed.

The government's intention, signalled in the Autumn Statement, was to call at least a temporary halt to the spectacular growth in student numbers seen over the last five years. The side-effects will be to make stiffer entry requirements inevitable and to throw many universities' short and long-term planning into disarray. Offers have already been made to many of this year's applicants.

The fee cut, from £1,855 to £1,300, is the latest manifestation of a stop/go policy for higher education that goes back more than a decade. In 1982, when the polytechnics were thought to be taking too many students, Lord Joseph halved the fees; in 1989 John MacGregor doubled them again. Since most fees are paid by the state, students were not penalised, but institutions were given a powerful incentive to recruit.

It worked. Not only did the polytechnics continue to take at least 10 per cent more students each year, but the universities belatedly joined in. The result has been 25 per cent growth in three years, and no sign of demand slackening. John Major's target of one young person in three in higher education by the end of the century was in sight already.

The "period of consolidation", although clearly motivated by a desire to cap spending on universities, has been portrayed as a move to preserve standards and promote science and technology. Although Her Majesty's Inspectors found no general cause for concern in the polytechnics and the number of first-class degrees has continued to rise, students and staff have been critical of the size of lectures and seminar groups, and the pressure on libraries.

Especially in the new universities, which have borne the brunt of expansion, there is widespread acceptance that some slowdown is desirable. But, with growth built into development plans for several years ahead, the speed of the policy reversal may cause financial problems. New courses will have to be balanced by cuts elsewhere, and building projects reassessed.

Polytechnic and college plans submitted to their funding council last year envisaged 41 per cent more students in the four years ending in 1995-96. Durham and Teesside universities have opened a new college at Stockton; Sunderland is building a new campus; and several others have only slightly less ambitious plans.

Although expansion in science and engineering is unaffected, most of the additional students were expected in business subjects and the other classroom-based courses. In those areas, universities will now receive full funding only for existing students and a new intake of last year's size. With £500 less coming in for every additional student, universities would have to raise staffing levels in such subjects from 20:1 to about 30:1 to make expansion viable.

Some universities may do just that. John Stoddart, the vice-chancellor of Sheffield Hallam University, says: "We are now in a position where a higher education place is almost being seen as a right, and many of us believe we have an obligation to manage that expansion regardless of the funding we get. I do not believe it is possible simply to turn off demand."

Others may find themselves caught in a vicious circle, losing money because of poor research ratings, but unable to compensate by taking more students. The funding council's plan was to steer some universities towards a predominantly teaching role, but for those concentrating on the arts and social sciences there will be no opportunity to increase the undergraduate load.

The council is planning a "safety net" to ensure that no university's budget drops too sharply in the short term, and the education department is monitoring the effect on the hardest hit. But administrators fear that some universities will suffer long-term damage, and some may even be forced into mergers. Rhodri Phillips, the deputy vice-chancellor of South Bank University and a former secretary of the funding council, says: "There are bound to be institutions that are still growing, almost exclusively in business and related subjects, which will be in a dicey position."

The vice-chancellors' committee will discuss the implications next week. David Harrison, its chairman, says: "There has been a lot of concern about the sudden change of policy, especially where large mortgages have been taken out. There will have to be a whole new funding system for universities."

Professor Graeme Davies, the chairman of the Higher Education Funding Council for England, doubts that many universities will have to scrap building projects. "We gave them as much warning as we could, and I think they will accept the need to consolidate. If there is not a degree of consolidation, then the imposition of cash limits must be in question."

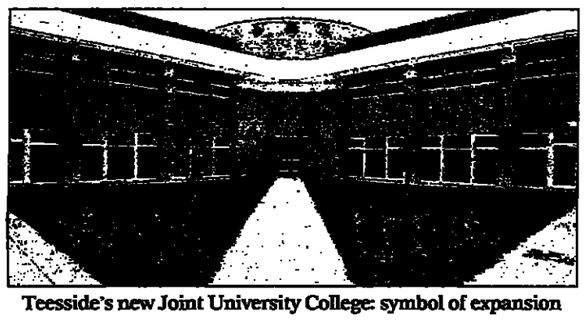
Jeff Rooker, Labour's higher education spokesman, takes a less sanguine view. "The timing of the announcement made it look furtive, and the effect will be to close off opportunities to people in sixth forms, whose expectations have been built up by the government. That is unfair and inequitable."

HOW STUDENT NUMBERS HAVE GROWN

(Figures are given in thousands. Those after 1990-91 are projections.)

	1988/9	89/90	90/1	91/2	92/3	93/4	94/5
Universities	270	283	300	318	335	348	356
Polytechnics/colleges	*240	259	285	320	350	371	382
Local authorities	6	6	6	7	8	8	9
Total (full-time)	516	548	591	645	692	727	746
Total (inc part-time)	637	674	725	783	834	872	894

* Including new universities from 1992-3.
Source: Government expenditure plans 1992-93 to 1994-95.



Teesside's new Joint University College: symbol of expansion

Why boys cost more than girls

Girls-only schools seem to have had it all their own way this year. While they have pirouetted on the top of school exam league tables, for those of us with girls in the private co-ed system it's been bump bump all the way down to positions well into double — even treble — figures.

So why did we choose co-education in the first place? Have we got what we wanted from it? Do girls really do better in single sex schools? Can one dare refute the statistics?

Many of us put our daughters into the co-educational system so that they could have the same opportunities as boys. Above all we wanted to imbue them with a sense of self-esteem. If that was at the expense of a GCSE or two, too bad: looking around one's own peer group one sees how seldom it is that the highest achiever at school sustains that position in later life. Something altogether more subtle and dynamic is at work, rooted it seems in a subliminal sense of how one is valued. Life being what it is, money can be a useful yardstick.

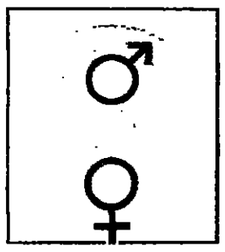
According to recent research, senior girls' day school places cost on average £224 less per term than boys (£1,646 as opposed to £1,870). Strangely, this gap widens still further when there are brother/sister schools. Take Haberdashers' Aske's for boys: fees (according to ISIS) range up to £1,559, but to £1,110 at their girls' counterpart. St Paul's School in west London charges £2,400 for day boys. St Paul's Girls £1,884.

In the Woodard Foundation schools, Lancing for boys is £2,695 and Ardingly £2,740, whereas St Michaels, Petworth, for girls is £1,980. The Perse Schools charge day girls £1,291, boys £1,377. The rare exceptions with equal fees tend to be in the North: Merchant Taylors', Mersey, and Bury Grammar School, for example.

If boys' schools, as they claim, are finding it difficult to make ends meet, how are these girls' schools managing? Is there a cheeseparing five loaves and two fishes character eagle-eyed in the background, seeing that no one wastes an envelope and that the treadle sewing machines are worked until they drop? Scan the ISIS census and one finds tell-tale signs that this may indeed be so. For new buildings and equipment for 1991 HMC (mainly boys) schools were putting aside £836 per pupil, GSA (girls) £418 and GBGSA (girls) a miserly £283.

When I asked bursars why this was, there was talk of cricket pitches being more difficult to maintain than lacrosse pitches, more grounds and listed buildings to keep up. More of all sorts of things the girls' schools can't possibly catch up with while they make such inadequate provision for the future. It seems like a spiral they will never be able to break, and an important one at that. For all of us are defined by our setting. The places we have lived in contribute to what we are.

Another counter-productive way of penny pinching is to pay staff less. A 1988/89 survey shows basic pay scales for men and women working in girls' schools lagging behind those in boys' schools. Subsequent pay rises as reflected in the ISIS census show they have not caught up. Where there are heads of departments in a given subject working in comparable conditions there are deep discrepancies, always in favour of the boys.



VIEWPOINT

Anthea Saxon

There are also fewer perks. Extra buildings in boys' schools enable them for instance to be more generous with accommodation.

This is not what parents like me want and is, I think, a reason why, league tables notwithstanding, more and more of us are leaving girls-only schools well alone. In 1992 GSA and GBGSA schools (girls only) found themselves with 679 fewer pupils, whereas HMS and SHMIS and GBA schools (boys and co-ed) had 1,980 more girls on their rolls. This in a time of recession, when every paper qualification is believed to count.

Classrooms with the writing on the wall

A new system has succeeded in curbing bad behaviour

Maintaining classroom discipline is a growing problem for many schools. Some children seem incapable of following the rules, perhaps because they feel they are unreasonable or unclear.

There can be no such excuses at Bebington High School on the Wirral. When children misbehave at Bebington, the teacher immediately writes their names on the classroom blackboard. They know they are in trouble and they know what the penalty is likely to be. Their classmates know too that the choice to break the rules was their own.

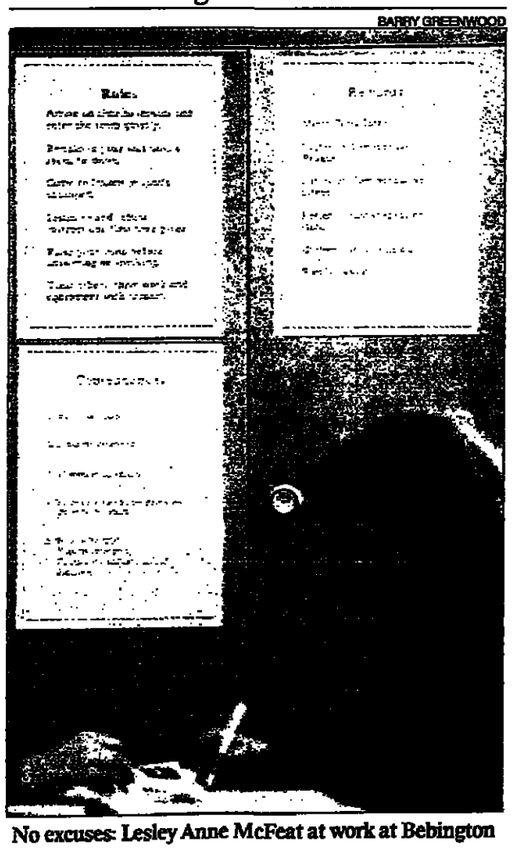
The effect, claim the proponents of this American system of discipline, has been to improve behaviour, allowing more time to be spent on teaching. "Assertive discipline" was introduced into Bebington last September and Margaret Hodson, a science teacher, says the results are "little short of a miracle".

Since the programme was introduced into England two years ago, 450 schools, 80 per cent of them primary, have adopted the scheme. Whether the programme spreads more widely depends to some extent on the government's attitude. Adrian Smith, of Behaviour Management, the Bristol-based company marketing the scheme in Britain, will this week meet Eric Forth, the junior schools minister, to tell him of the benefits achieved by schools using the programme.

Bebington, a 1,000-pupil 11-to-18 secondary modern school, was always considered good for a school of its type, but staff claim that standards of behaviour increased dramatically last term, with an improvement in the work rate of the children and less stress on the teachers.

The basis of the programme, which costs schools £22 a day for each person trained, is that all children have a right to choose how they behave but that they must face the consequences of that choice. A set of straightforward rules is displayed on a wall in each classroom, together with a set of rewards and consequences.

BARRY GREENWOOD



No excuses: Lesley Anne McFeat at work at Bebington

The rules at Bebington are: arrive on time to lessons and enter the room quietly; remain in your seat unless asked to move; come to lessons properly equipped; listen to and follow instructions the first time they are given; raise your hand before answering or speaking; and treat others, their work and equipment with respect.

Pupils who behave well during a lesson are rewarded with an "R" mark in the teacher's record book. Six Rs win them a "bronze" letter of commendation to take home to their parents. Twelve "Rs" bring a silver letter, 18 a gold, and 24 a diploma of excellence presented by the head teacher at assembly. Diploma winners are then able to choose a special award in negotiation with the staff, such as a non-uniform day or a trip out.

Teachers can also award a certificate of merit for individual pieces of good work or behaviour or for long-term excellent punctuality or attendance. All letters and certificates earned by the pupils are eventually kept in their record of achievement, available to potential employers.

Paul Shryane, the deputy head at Bebington, who first suggested that the scheme be adopted, says that rewarding good behaviour makes children focus on the benefits of concentrating on work and creates a positive environment for classroom work.

The sanctions open to teachers for pupils who break the rules are: detention of five minutes, 15 minutes or 30 minutes at lunchtime with the parents informed. The ultimate sanction before being excluded is being sent to the academic remove, where children are isolated from the rest of the school for periods ranging from one lesson to a whole day. They are continually supervised by a member of the staff and their parents are invited to the school to discuss their child's behaviour.

Assertive discipline allows the staff to deal quickly with disruptive pupils: children can see the consequence of their action on the wall. As a result, the time spent on teaching in the classroom is up substantially, says John Adamson, a modern languages teacher at the school. He estimates that the curriculum was covered 25 per cent more quickly last term than in previous years.

In adapting the scheme for British use, the Bebington staff, who all agreed that it was the right move for their school, had to revise the rewards system, which in American schools tends to be material. Offers of sweets or gifts for good behaviour were deemed inappropriate.

Mr Shryane says: "Much assertive discipline is based on sound traditional educational practice. What is new is the formalised consistency of a whole school approach, and the consistent rewarding of those who achieve the standards asked of them."

Put rather more controversially, society has moved on, it seems, from the time where the teacher could expect good behaviour from the majority of pupils as a matter of course. Now they have to reward it.

DAVID TYTLER

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

SARUM LECTURERSHIP 1994-5

The electors intend to elect a Sarum Lecturer for 1994-5 to deliver a series of Theology lectures in support of the Christian Faith. Apart from academic considerations the only qualification required is that lecturers shall be persons who profess the Christian Faith.

The Lecturer will enter office in Michaelmas Term 1994 and will be required to deliver eight lectures in the academic year 1994-5. The stipend will be £3,000 plus travelling and subsistence expenses. In addition, assistance with the cost of printing the lectures may be given. The lecturer will not be entitled to receive any part of the stipend until the manuscript of the lectures has been submitted in a form fit, in the judgement of the electors, for publication.

Candidates should send their names, with a statement of the lectures which they propose to deliver and any further explanation which they may think fit to offer, in eight copies to the Registrar, University Offices, Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JD to arrive not later than 28 February 1993. The choice of the electors will not necessarily be limited to such candidates.

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The Chancellor, Sir Geoffrey Yeend, invites enquiries from women and men with appropriate experience and qualifications interested in being considered for appointment, or from those who wish to suggest suitably qualified persons who might be approached. Suitable candidates will have a distinguished scholarly record, experience in university administration at a high level and demonstrated capacity for creative scholarly and administrative leadership.

All suggestions and enquiries will be treated in confidence. Correspondence should be addressed to the Chancellor, The Australian National University, GPO Box 2599, Canberra ACT, 2601 Australia.

Further information about the position is available from the Registrar, Mr R H Arthur (tel. (61 6) 2495598). Applications should be lodged by 1 March 1993.

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Further particulars may be obtained from the Personnel Office (EO), University of Bristol, Senate House, Bristol BS8 1TH, quoting reference B102 or by telephone on (0272) 256450, or fax on (0272) 259473.

Informal enquiries and visits to the Department may be made through Dr David Billington (Head of Honours School of Cellular and Molecular Pathology) on (0272) 303444.

Closing date for applications is 12th March 1993.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

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The post is available immediately as a five-year appointment. The salary will be negotiable with a minimum of £30,000 p.a.

Applications (five copies), which should include a full curriculum vitae, including exact date of birth, together with the names and addresses of three persons to whom reference may be made, should be lodged by not later than Friday, 12 February 1993 with the Registrar and Secretary, University of East Anglia, Norwich, NR4 7TJ, from whom further particulars may be obtained (0603 592208). No forms of application are issued.

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435.00	Hambros	251	+ 8	13.8	7.3	11.1
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6,674.90	Lloyds	535	- 7	16.7	4.2	17.9
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273.20	Boddington	203	+14	6.6	4.3	12.9
230.70	Bulmer (HP)	385 †	-10	9.0	3.1	17.6
27.90	Burtonwd Brw	134	+ 1	4.4	4.4	9.8
140.00	Devenish (JA)	273 †	+ 1½	7.8	3.8	-
15.20	Eldridge P 'A'▲	75 †	+ 5	...	5.6	-
1,271.20	Fosters Brewing	54½	- 0½	...	2.5	-
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1.00	Hoskins Brew	33	...	...	...	23.8
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39.20	Ashtead▲	170	+15	4.1	3.2	22.8
78.70	Arnwoods	135	+ 1	5.0	4.9	19.5
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2.61	Bailey (Ben) Con	23	+ 5	0.5	3.2	...
16.00	Barron	80 †	+ 1½	1.2	1.9	-
177.10	Barratt Devs	96	- 1	2.0	2.8	10.7
123.30	Bellway	328	+10	11.5	4.7	18.2
2.63	[illegible]	16	- 2	...	...	...
291.90	Berkeley Gp	313 †	+ 4½	5.0	2.1	30.7
2.00	Bett Bros	46	...	...	...	1.9
11.20	Blockleys	44	+ 1	3.3	...	43.7
1,491.20	Blue Circle	205	+ 6	11.2	7.3	20.5
62.20	Boot (Henry)	240	-10	...	3.0	13.1
25.70	Breedon PLC	94	+ 9	4.6	6.5	18.2
15.50	Br Dredging	88	- 1	7.4	11.2	11.4
13.90	Brit Fittings	54	- 2	5.3	...	...
257.20	Bryant	110	+ 2	4.8	5.8	21.7
23.20	CALA	83	+ 3	2.3	4.9	...
507.10	CRH	328	+ 4	...	4.5	11.0
2.16	Cakebread Rby	76	+14	...	...	...
465.30	Costain	25½	- ½	4.7	...	...
59.40	Countryside	99	+ 6	4.1	5.7	-
31.50	Crest Nicholson	41	+ 3	0.0	...	...
4.13	Cussins	29	...	...	...	...
1.67	Dunton▲	3½	...	...	...	...
5.96	Edmond Hldgs	17	...	1.8	...	7.0
34.30	Epwin	184	+ 5	...	4.8	15.2
17.00	Erith	70	...	2.0	...	...
24.20	Eve Group▲	255	+ 3	...	5.1	9.1
33.60	Evered Bardon	43	- 4	3.6	...	23.2
4.52	Espianage▲	6½	...	...	...	...
6.65	Freeman Gp▲	97	...	...	...	...
41.50	Galliford	49	...	4.3	11.2	10.7
1.36	Gibbs & Dandy	78	+ 1	...	...	...
2.50	Gleeson (MJ)	205	+ 8	12.7	2.4	10.4
174.60	Hewden-Stuart	98	- 1	3.1	4.3	20.4
2.42	Hewetson	38	...	2.6	...	27.4
1.94	Hey & Croft▲	16 #	...	...	...	...
138.30	Heywd Wlm	190	...	12.5	8.8	17.5
16.70	Higgs & Hill	38	- 1	9.0	...	5.8
11.50	Hew Gp	38	+ 1	2.5	...	9.5
4.02	Howard Hldgs	16	+ 1	0.5	4.2	...
12.60	Ibstock Johnsen	49	+ 4	8.0	...	...
3.73	Jarvis	15	+ ½	0.5	...	...
95.90	Laing (J)	209	+ 7	9.0	5.7	10.9
16.30	Lilley	7½	+ ½	2.0	...	2.4
7.53	Ld Clydesdale▲	83	...	...	11.2	6.2
10.40	Lovell (YJ)	12½	+ 1	...	...	5.7
66.20	Magnet	260	-20	7.0	3.6	18.1
295.40	Marley	104	- 4	4.2	5.4	26.2
40.90	Marshalls	67	+ 1	...	10.0	22.4
31.50	Maunders (J)	128	+ 2	4.9	5.2	11.7
25.30	Mcalpine (A)	112	+ 1	10.3	...	7.8
17.90	McCarthy & S	25½	+ ½	0.5	6.1	...
230.40	Meyer Int	293	+ 5	16.5	7.5	30.2
1.21	Miskin Gp▲	4	...	...	...	...
71.80	Mowlem (J)	68	...	10.5	...	...
12.30	NSM	22	...	...	...	...
165.10	Newman Tnks	137	+14	9.3	9.1	21.2
204.60	Persimmon	220	- 1	8.6	5.2	18.1
3.61	Phoenix Timber	25	...	...	...	...
15.30	Pochins	1475	-150	29.0	2.7	8.9
53.20	Prowting	83	+ 3	3.4	5.5	...
3.81	Quiligotti▲	5½	+ ½	...	...	...
1,110.70	RMC Gp	569	+ 5	20.0	4.7	21.2
200.70	Raine Ind	107	+ 1	6.0	7.5	17.9
3.84	Ramus▲	34	+ 1	...	0.4	...
2,102.80	Redland	439	+32	25.0	7.6	27.3
11.10	Roskel	74	+10	4.3	7.7	9.9
683.00	Rugby Group	234	- 5	6.4	3.7	17.6
2.72	Svnfid-Rye▲	26	+ 1	...	...	4.7
14.70	Sharpe & Fisher	71	+ 5	4.0	7.5	...
32.60	Sheffield Insl	125	+15	5.4	3.8	32.3
5.34	Sheriff Hldgs▲	82	...	...	3.3	-
2.33	Shoreco▲	68	+ 2	...	10.2	10.5
22.70	Smart (J)	225	+17	8.5	5.0	10.2
21.60	Starmin	6½	...	0.3	0.2	7.8
783.90	Tarmac	107	+ 4	5.5	6.9	44.3
36.60	Tay Homes	167	+ 8	5.8	4.7	9.2
279.80	Taylor Woodrw	67	- 3	9.5	...	9.5
162.30	Tilbury Dougls	480	+47	33.0	9.2	15.8
1.91	Torex Hire▲	19	...	...	3.0	...
184.30	Travis Perkins	181	+12	8.0	5.9	25.6
13.00	Try Group	30	...	6.0	...	4.1
3.06	Tudor▲	28	...	...	...	...
30.40	Vibroplant	60	...	3.6	7.3	12.1
11.00	Ward Hldgs	21	- 2	0.5	...	...
0.25	Waterhouse	30	...	...	...	...
78.00	Watts Blake	375	+15	9.3	3.3	19.5
1.26	Wescol▲	12	...	...	...	...
63.80	Westbury	96	+ 2	...	6.8	...
2.59	West Scaffold▲	5	...	...	...	...
0.79	Wiggins	5	...	...	...	...
305.00	Wilson Bowdn	393	- 3	8.7	3.0	20.2
320.40	Wilson (C)	174	- 1	3.9	3.0	27.6
323.00	Wimpey G	112	- 2	...	6.3	43.1
4.09	YRM	31	+ 2	4.0	17.2	3.6

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
590.70	ADT	483	-12	...	...	-
8.47	Adam & Harvey	198	...	11.0	7.4	3.1
5.94	Air London▲	67	+11	...	7.0	8.3
2.51	African Lakes	37	...	2.0	7.2	7.4
143.00	Anti Sec	126	- 5	4.9	5.2	10.2
971.60	BET Ord	104	-14	...	8.3	15.2
13.30	BNB Res	55	+14	4.9	11.9	6.5
69.80	BPP	275	+17	6.9	3.3	15.5
45.80	Barbour Index	278	+15	7.2	3.5	20.1
14.50	Boustead	17	- 1	0.5	5.5	34.8
44.20	Brit Data Mgt	190	- 1	...	2.8	15.8
1.91	Broadcastle▲	12	...	...	...	...
6.97	Brooks Service	38	...	4.0	...	18.5
53.60	CRT Gp	102	+10	2.4	3.1	11.7
66.20	Capita Group	433	+ 9	5.4	1.7	24.9
27.60	Carter Plc	34½	+ 1	0.5	1.9	13.0
37.10	Chiltern Capital	40	- 7	...	...	...
6.09	Christie	26	...	...	...	...
676.00	Chubb Sec	242	+13	...	1.5	26.7
1.80	Contacta	28	+10	...	...	...
3.20	Corp Services	10½	+ 4½	...	...	...
7.93	Dart	52	+ 2	3.3	8.5	5.9
177.40	Davis Service	210	+ 3	7.9	5.1	15.9
4.57	EW Facs▲	85	...	...	6.8	6.3
16.60	Gardiner	15½	+ 1½	1.3	11.2	4.8
7.86	Gardner (DC)	33	...	...	...	...
925.50	Hays	230	- 2	4.6	2.7	22.6
149.00	Hogg Robinsn	216	+22	6.3	3.9	16.2
29.90	Holmes Protectn	68	...	...	...	...
4,408.40	Hutch Whamp	131½	+ 2½	...	...	14.1
414.80	ISS B DKr	9925	+125	...	1.1	14.0
2,973.30	Inchcape	599	- 9½	12.5	3.0	23.8
136.00	Johnson Clean	694	+25	28.7	4.9	14.4
30.00	Lep	3½	+ ½	...	...	...
18.20	Mitie Gp	175	+ 1	2.7	2.1	15.0
689.00	Manpower	926	+ 1	...	...	...
24.40	Michael Page	41	...	1.8	5.9	11.4
10.30	Pennat▲	218	+ 1	...	1.2	55.2
3.65	Prime People▲	4½	+ ½	...	...	...
56.90	Proudfoot Alex	92	- 3	19.5	28.3	2.0
41.50	RCO	390	+ 5	12.6	4.3	12.7
9.93	REA	117	...	4.0	4.6	...
35.00	Reed Executive	68	- 1	...	...	...
31.40	Reliance Sec▲	140 †	+ 8	...	4.3	14.1
1.19	Pentaminster▲	4 #	...	...	...	...
2,068.20	Rentokil	213	+ 3	1.6	1.1	31.3
13.60	Rolfe & Nolan	240	...	6.2	3.4	16.1
1,016.70	Salvesen (C)	354	+11	7.0	2.6	19.6
1.92	Scott Pickford▲	29	...	...	3.7	8.0
50.90	Securiguard	189	+ 5	8.5	6.0	10.3
10.80	Select App▲	5	...	...	...	...
82.40	Serco Gp	718	+23	11.9	2.2	23.1
15.50	Sherwd Cmpt▲	252	- 3	...	3.2	6.8
71.30	Sketchley	123	+22	3.0	3.3	14.9
81.50	Warner Howard	349	+22	5.9	2.3	19.7
20.00	Welpac	45	...	0.6	1.8	...
11.50	Wills Gp	15½	+ ½	0.1	0.9	19.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
640.40	Allied Colloids	245 †	+ 3	3.9	2.1	19.5
337.50	Amersham	649	+30	12.5	2.6	24.1
18.20	Anglo Utd	5½	...	0.6	...	...
4,767.60	BASF DM	8350	-237½	...	9.3	...
236.30	BTP	253	+14	8.8	4.7	18.5
6,405.70	Bayer DM50	£105	-440½	...	5.3	...
71.10	Blagden	153	...	9.5	8.3	11.0
103.90	Brent Chems	154	+11	7.3	6.4	72.8
157.10	Br Bio-Tech	440	+12	...	...	...
11.40	Cabd Gp	20	+ 2	2.5	17.3	3.0
36.90	Canning (W)	131	...	7.2	7.4	10.5
2,388.00	Courtaulds	595½	+ ½	13.0	2.9	16.2
316.90	Croda	243	+15	7.5	4.1	18.5
158.20	Ellis & Everard	195	+ 4	7.0	4.8	15.6
4.79	Euro Colour	16	...	0.6	5.4	...
86.30	Evode	119	+17	3.5	4.1	-
78.00	Halstead (J)	268	+ 6	...	3.0	14.3
337.40	Hickson	195	- 2½	7.8	5.3	12.4
5,735.60	Hoechst	9700	-462½	...	8.0	...
7,861.10	ICI	1101	+42	55.0	6.7	26.6
897.80	Laporte	583	-64	18.9	4.3	15.7
131.70	Leigh	208	+11	7.8	5.0	17.0
13.60	MTM	15	+ 1	1.8	...	3.0
3,132.30	Norsk Hydro	1525	+62½	...	2.2	...
93.90	Paterson Zoch	385	+15	11.4	4.0	16.6
174.40	-do- 'A'	368	+ 5	11.4	4.1	15.9
129.90	Plysu	274	+20	6.0	2.9	18.5
28.40	Porvair	183	+10	...	2.4	19.0
12.90	Sandlife Speak	7½	...	...	...	...
117.30	Wardle Storeys	475	+35	16.0	4.5	19.1
30.20	Wolstenholme R	425	+30	16.3	5.1	18.7
144.40	Yorks Chem	381	+ 1	...	2.5	19.9
219.90	Yule Catto	259	+19	5.4	2.8	15.7

DRAPERY, STORES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28.60	Alexon	99	+ 4	10.6	14.3	5.4
65.10	Amber Day	58	+14	3.1	7.4	15.3
818.10	Argos Plc	276	- 7	6.4	3.1	19.2
209.00	Ashley (Laura)	89	-10	0.1	0.1	...
227.40	Asprey▲	285	...	...	2.3	23.1
5.25	Austin Reed	200	+ 1	6.0	...	58.2
64.80	Beattie (J) 'A'	140	+12	5.7	5.5	13.4
40.70	Bentalls	97	-12	3.8	5.3	54.2
234.10	Betterware	230	-22	...	0.7	31.7
9.86	Blacks Leis	31	...	3.3	...	6.4
325.80	Body Shop	174	-18	1.6	1.2	20.1
59.50	Brown & Jackson	13	+ 1	...	...	...
243.10	Brown (N)	333	+15	6.0	2.4	20.6
882.50	Burton	79	+ 7½	2.0	3.4	...
22.10	Cantors	19	+ 6	...	2.7	39.4
31.80	Church	305	+ 5	12.5	5.5	25.3
13.70	Clinton Cards	101	...	3.7	5.0	...
1,298.30	Coats Viyella	225	...	7.0	4.1	25.8
17.40	Colourvision▲	86	+ 7	...	8.4	14.5
93.70	Courts Furnish	384	+10	5.0	1.7	19.2
2.48	Crown Eyes	155	+15	...	5.2	7.2
1,684.90	Dairy Farm Intl	102	+ 3	...	...	18.0
66.20	Dewhirst (I)	59½	+ 2	0.7	1.8	17.7
1,076.50	Dixons Grp	224	+15	6.0	3.5	30.3
656.30	Dunhill	386	+ 9	7.7	2.7	13.4
11.50	ERA Gp	20	...	...	...	9.2
6.36	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	4.0	11.8
11.10	Essex Furn	97	+25	...	3.8	19.4
142.40	Etam	218	+ 1	6.6	4.0	19.5
406.20	Fine Art Dev	511	+10	11.0	2.9	19.6
1.60	Fired Earth Tiles	28	+ 1	4.0	...	20.5
15.30	Forminster	498 †	+ 2	12.5	3.4	10.4
3.81	French Conn▲	24	...	...	...	...
4.93	Gabbicci▲	42	...	...	6.3	8.4
18.00	Gent SR	50	+ 5	2.0	5.3	14.7
6.36	Goldsmiths Gp	29	+ 5	1.8	...	...
130.60	GUS	2400	...	40.0	2.2	19.0
4,132.30	-do- 'A'	1710	- 8	40.0	3.1	13.5
4.07	Hampden Grp▲	34	...	...	7.8	4.8
242.50	Hartstone	237	+20	4.8	2.7	14.3
26.50	Helene Plc	22	+ 2	2.0	12.2	9.6
1.41	Heritage▲	32	+ 3	...	...	...
3.49	Honeysuckle▲	43	...	...	3.1	7.2
8.03	Hse of Lerose	141	...	10.3	9.7	21.4
6.08	Jacques Vert	64	...	2.0	4.2	...
2,849.30	Kingfisher	571	-30	13.0	3.0	17.2
21.40	Leslie Wise Gp	66	...	4.0	8.1	11.1
65.00	Liberty	545	+50	7.2	1.8	37.1
329.80	Lloyds Chem	278	- 9	5.5	2.6	10.9
819.80	MFI	141	- 3	...	3.5	18.8
8,800.00	Marks Spencer	320	- 9½	7.1	3.0	19.3
262.40	Menzies (John)	472	+15	10.0	2.8	16.8
22.60	Moss Bros	139	...	5.0	4.8	26.8
553.50	Next	150	+ 5	0.7	0.7	29.6
4.05	Oliver (G)	16	- 1	1.0	...	...
113.30	Oriflame Intl	228	...	...	5.6	14.1
84.90	Pentos	59	+ 4	2.7	6.2	7.0
2.16	Pepe Group▲	4	...	...	...	0.3
106.10	QS Hldgs	270	+15	4.7	2.3	20.9
39.60	Ratners Group	12½	+ ½	2.4	23.7	...
11.10	Rhino Grp▲	22	- 4½	...	...	...
155.70	Sherwood Gp	150	+10	...	2.0	14.4
1,536.10	Sears	102	+ 1	...	4.6	28.0
1,221.00	Smith WH 'A'	469	-28	13.4	3.8	15.1
2.18	Specialeyes▲	14	- 1	...	...	...
824.90	Storehouse	201 †	+ 1½	5.0	3.3	...
118.40	T & S Stores	185	- 4	5.5	4.0	12.0
37.60	Tie Rack	73	- 1	0.5	0.9	...
87.70	Time Products	167	+ 7	7.5	6.0	16.3
4.90	Usher (Frank)▲	70	+ 7	...	9.5	6.9
15.40	Vision	28	...	...	...	77.3
2.77	Wensum▲	37	+ 1	...	...	6.6
260.80	Wickes	86	+ 8	...	...	...
4.15	Wrld of Leather▲	51	+ 6	...	...	60.0
45.40	Wyevale▲	148	+ 2	...	3.4	16.5
5.01	Xtra-vision▲	3½	...	...	...	3.2

ELECTRICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
19.10	AB Elect	67	+ 7	...	...	...
238.30	ACT Group	169	+21	4.5	3.6	16.6
32.20	Acal▲	223	...	...	3.5	18.7
27.60	Acorn Compt▲	41½	+ 3	...	...	...
42.30	Admiral	395	+10	4.8	1.6	17.9
50.00	Alba	108	+ 4	4.7	5.9	14.1
5.53	Alphameric	21½	+ 2	...	...	...
133.70	Amstrad	23	...	0.4	2.3	...
28.90	App Holo▲	125	+20	...	...	...
5.12	Arlen	17	...	...	...	...
118.50	Astec	39½	+ 3	...	...	...
28.90	Beales Hunter	280	+40	9.2	4.3	13.2
4.24	Bennett & Fount	4	+ ½	...	...	...
1,144.00	BICC	342	-11	19.2	7.5	19.9
118.60	Blick	480	+ 5	9.2	2.6	-
383.40	Borland▲	1350	-150	...	...	...
19.20	Bowthorpe	299	+ 3	6.0	2.8	19.8
24,193.80	BT	391½	-12	14.4	4.9	14.3
6,174.00	BT New	237	-12½	14.4	4.9	14.3
1.56	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	6	+ ½	0.1	2.2	...
37.70	Burnfield	110	- 2	...	7.0	15.8
7,656.80	Cable Wireless	707	+ 8	13.2	2.5	21.8
29.70	Chloride	12½	- ½	...	...	...
	CML Micro▲	235	+ 6	...	2.4	16.5
11.30	Comptr People	84	+10	5.4	...	10.8
0.29	Cranbrook▲	8	...	...	...	...
253.90	Cray Elect	125	+16	...	0.5	39.5
841.20	Delta	435	+ 9	14.0	4.3	17.2
9.74	Densitron Ele	225	+20	...	3.5	10.2
125.10	Domino	481	+21	6.2	1.7	19.0
70.90	Dowding Mills	49	+ 1	2.5	6.8	16.1
59.20	Druck▲	930	+60	...	1.4	22.6
781.10	Electrocomponts	375	+ 7	7.0	2.5	20.3
42.30	El Data Prc	485	+ 5	5.1	1.4	-
12.90	Electron House	50	+ 7	2.3	6.3	18.9
11.70	Emess	11	+ ½	1.0	...	...
205.40	Eurotherm	471	+29	7.2	2.0	29.1
597.80	FKI	115	+ 6	2.3	2.7	22.3
482.50	Farnell Elect	362	+17	5.8	2.1	19.7
2.79	Feedback▲	33	...	...	...	...
105.10	Ferranti	11½	+ 1½	...	...	...
15.00	First Tech	105	...	...	...	...
5.48	Forward Gp▲	81	...	...	4.1	9.7
6.46	Forward Tech	19	...	...	...	...
7,436.40	GEC	274 †	- 7	9.6	4.5	14.5
90.90	Gamety	144	-11	10.9	10.1	12.5
1.46	Hilldans▲	39	...	...	1.7	12.7
472.60	Hoskyns Gp	452	- 1	2.4	0.7	-
3.42	INSTEM▲	85	...	...	6.6	5.4
60.60	Jones Stroud	328	+ 8	8.0	3.3	16.1
2.28	Kembrey	8	...	0.3	6.3	3.1
6.57	Kewill Sys▲	55	...	...	...	2.8
10.90	Kode	117	+17	...	4.6	19.5
2.90	Laser-Scan▲	18	- 2	...	...	...
21.30	LSMS▲	128	+ 1	...	...	...
15.90	Lec Refrig	257	...	14.5	7.5	19.6
281.20	Life Sciences	176	+ 9	3.3	2.5	19.5
108.10	Logica	176	+11	3.6	2.8	25.3
3.84	LPA Inds▲	46	...	...	10.2	12.1
124.40	Macro 4	553	-30	...	3.1	20.7
80.80	Menvier-Swain	985	+30	...	2.1	19.4
114.00	Microfilm Rep	208	+14	4.3	2.8	79.9
372.00	Micro Focus	2715	+25	...	...	30.2
82.70	Microgen	212	+24	7.0	4.4	16.8
16.00	Microvitec▲	24½	+ ½	...	...	...
147.30	Misys	383	+25	6.1	2.1	21.5
90.10	Mitel	114	+16	...	...	...
13.10	MMT Compt▲	123	+12	...	3.8	15.6
4.90	Molynx	26	...	4.0	20.5	2.5
35.90	MTL Inst▲	204	- 1	...	2.2	12.7
21.50	Multitone Elect	143	...	3.0	2.8	17.4
38.00	Murray Enter	123	+ 6	1.8	2.1	-
11,997.10	NYNEX	5550	-25	...	...	...
38.80	Neotronics	148	+ 6	2.5	2.3	20.0
1.33	Newmark (L)	45	...	...	...	...
5.06	Norbain▲	73	+15	...	1.8	15.1
4.44	Northamber	25	+ 5	0.5	2.7	...
16.50	Oceonics	12	- ½	...	...	7.8
96.10	Oxford Inst	199	+ 1	4.3	2.9	13.3
10.70	P-E Intern'l	48	...	6.2	...	...
19.40	P & P	35	+ 6	4.3	...	13.5
68.90	Peek	60	+ 5	3.4	7.6	17.7
7.31	Pegasus▲	115	...	...	8.1	-
11.60	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
2,298.60	-do- Lmp nv	750	+25	...	...	...
17.60	Pifco	300	+37	7.7	2.7	32.5
11.80	-do- 'A' Voting	340	+37	7.7	3.0	28.0
3.95	Plasmec▲	85	+ 4	...	3.9	10.9
21.70	Pressac	85	+ 9	2.4	3.8	12.4
27.10	Psion▲	123	-18	...	2.6	...
0.95	Ptarmigan	6½	...	...	...	...
488.80	Racal Elect	175	+15	1.5	1.1	20.7
8.48	Radamec	46	- 1	0.5	1.4	22.0
12.00	Radius▲	44	+ 1	...	8.2	32.7
6.16	Real Time▲	88	+ 2	...	4.5	8.0
5.46	Rivat▲	21	+ 3	...	...	...
104.80	Sage Gp	511	+33	9.0	2.4	-
18.60	Scantronic	58	+ 9	2.0	6.8	18.3
50.80	Scholes Grp	134	+ 5	5.0	5.0	26.3
297.60	Sema Gp	327	+ 7	2.6	1.1	28.1
3.80	Soundtracks▲	38	+ 1	...	7.7	10.3
2,432.70	TDK	1850	-47½	...	1.4	21.0
0.45	TDS Circuits▲	5	+ ½	...	...	...
82.30	Telemetrix	92½	+12½	0.6	0.9	32.3
3,508.80	THORN EMI	860 †	-12	30.1	4.7	22.2
13.80	Thorpe FW	107	+ 1	2.5	3.1	11.0
7.50	Total Systems▲	75	- 1	2.2	4.0	13.4
61.40	Tunstall	385	+13	6.0	2.1	-
122.30	Unitech	179	+ 8	5.8	4.4	22.7
11.10	Verity▲	11	+ 1	...	...	...
28.40	Vinten	25	+ ½	...	1.6	21.3
4,241.10	Vodafone	422 †	- 1½	...	1.8	20.7
90.30	Volex	430	+40	17.0	5.3	21.1
2.41	Western Selecn	16	+ 5	...	...	...
33.40	Wholesale Ftgs	235	-10	11.7	6.6	20.1

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
946.60	East Midlands	434	+ 1	17.1	5.3	8.2
1,160.60	Eastern Elec	430	+ 5	16.7	5.2	10.5
1,217.40	Hydro-Elect	247½	-12½	10.1	4.3	11.2
968.40	London Elect	444	+ 7	16.8	5.0	8.5
580.90	Manweb	489	+ 1	18.2	5.0	7.1
994.70	Midlands Elec	475	+ 2	17.2	4.9	9.8
593.30	Northern Elec	482	...	18.5	5.2	7.1
829.00	Norweb	480	- 5	17.7	5.0	8.9
2,502.10	Scottish Power	237	- 8	10.1	4.4	11.3
596.10	Seeboard	468 †	+ ½	17.2	4.9	8.4
516.10	Sth Wales	508 †	+ 3½	19.4	5.1	8.1
570.00	Sth Western	463	- 3	17.4	5.1	8.2
1,196.10	Southern Elec	443 †	+ 3½	16.6	5.0	8.8
1,030.30	Yorkshire Elec	497 †	- 5	17.7	4.8	9.2
3,511.80	National Powr	275½	- 9½	9.1	4.5	9.0
2,150.50	PowerGen	275	-10	9.2	4.5	8.5

FINANCE, LAND

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
34.50	Aitken Hume	57	+ 2	0.5	...	36.4
11.10	BWD▲	65	+18	...	6.2	9.1
11.30	Baltic Plc	32	+ 6	4.3	...	2.8
374.30	Caledonia	451	+ 3	14.4	4.3	17.3
27.50	Camellia	1100	-150	27.0	3.3	9.2
56.00	Candover	251	+ 2	9.5	5.0	20.7
30.90	Flextech▲	90	+12	...	...	8.9
126.40	Gowett	155	...	...	8.9	4.5
41.40	Ivory Sime	130 †	...	...	6.4	13.8
2.30	LIT	4	+ ½	...	...	...
0.61	Lightship	11	...	...	...	0.5
155.00	Lon Forfaiting▲	155	+ 1	...	6.6	13.5
14.00	Manakin	69	...	...	...	...
3.62	Nat Home Loans	3½	...	...	...	...
14.50	Newmarket	41	...	...	...	...
51.40	Rathbone Br	260	+16	...	2.6	18.4
46.60	Rutland Tst	19	+ 1½	0.8	5.6	10.8
36.80	S & U	328	+36	...	3.3	11.8
9.15	Silvermines	28	- 4	...	10.3	...
100.00	Singer & Fried	52	+ 4	2.5	6.4	11.4
165.20	Sotheby's	825	+37	...	4.6	...
233.40	SYP Capital	86	...	3.0	4.7	15.6

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
7,857.40	Amer Express	1643½	- 6½	...	...	...
320.10	Electra	185 †	- 5½	6.7	4.8	-
182.30	Henderson Ad	860	+25	41.0	6.4	18.9
246.10	Investon MIM	99	+ 3	...	4.0	14.5
1,558.80	Jardine Strat	165	- 2	...	4.1	8.0
533.90	MAI	165	- 1	6.0	4.8	12.0
769.10	MAM	409	-14	11.5	3.7	16.3
492.80	M & G	651	+ 8	20.0	4.1	17.3
37.20	Smith New Crt	123	+ 8	4.5	4.9	4.9
20.60	Sterling Tst▲	97 #	...	...	...	8.5

FOODS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2,303.40	AB Food	513	+ 4	14.0	3.7	11.6
1,438.10	ASDA Group	69½	+ 8½	2.1	...	16.5
58.10	Acatos & Hutch	177	+ 6	6.5	5.0	-
36.50	Albert Fisher	64	+ 9	3.7	7.8	10.7
4,438.50	Argyll	397	+ 4	9.7	3.3	15.6
26.70	Ashley Group	19	...	0.7	5.3	...
23.90	Assoc Fisheries	136	+ 5	7.0	6.9	25.1
15.60	Banks (S C)	165	+25	8.2	6.0	9.1
63.50	Barr (AG)	335	+30	5.4	2.2	16.6
6.13	Bensons Crisps▲	76	+ 1	...	5.0	8.1
121.60	Berisford Intl	26½	+ 2	...	...	...
905.90	Booker	427	+50	21.7	6.8	13.0
21.70	Borthwick	37½	+ 1	1.1	3.9	26.2
229.40	Brake Bros	473	+31	5.7	1.6	19.8
76.40	Budgens	42	+ 8	...	...	16.0
3,423.40	Cadbury-Schw	462	+18	12.5	3.6	17.0
5.72	Carrs Milling	84 †	+ 8	3.9	6.2	16.8
22.40	Clifford Fd 'A'	136	+19	11.5	9.8	7.4
18.70	Cranswick▲	186 †	+ 8½	...	5.4	13.7
3.01	Cullens	11½	+ 3	0.5	5.8	6.2
44.30	Dalepak	383	+ 7	6.0	2.1	17.0
1,102.90	Dalgety	485	+ 8	19.5	5.4	16.1
2.50	Daniels S	30	+ 3	0.3	1.1	38.8
42.40	Everest	130	+ 6	...	3.6	13.5
61.00	Farepak	270	...	...	2.5	19.1
1.33	Farringford	5½	+ 2½	...	...	...
79.80	Finlay (James)	80	+ 1	4.1	6.9	15.0
232.40	Fyffes	83	+ 5	...	2.0	10.7
286.00	Geest	400	+28	7.9	2.6	15.2
10.20	Global▲	8½	...	...	7.8	7.8
17.80	Grand Central	45	+ 1	1.1	3.4	...
388.60	Hazlewood Fds	168	+21	6.1	4.8	10.2
986.50	Hillsdown	144	+11	8.8	8.1	8.6
6.87	Hunter Saphir	28	...	2.5	...	...
575.50	Iceland Frozen	664½	+46½	8.5	1.7	17.8
51.00	IU Group	133 †	+10½	4.5	4.9	17.7
1,222.80	Kwik Save	794	+21	16.0	2.7	16.6
13.60	Low (Wm)	252	+ 5	8.4	4.4	12.3
53.40	Matthews (B)	43	+ 1	4.5	...	9.1
14.00	Merchant Retail	15½	...	1.1	10.0	36.2
1,153.60	Morrison (W)	164	- 2	...	0.5	25.7
72.40	Nichols (JN)	458	+15	13.3	3.6	13.1
1,647.30	Nthn Foods	289	+26	...	3.6	15.9
5.06	Nrthmbrn Fds▲	14	...	...	7.1	5.8
222.90	Nurdin Peack	178	+ 6	5.5	4.2	12.1
111.90	Park Foods	214	+ 6	3.2	2.0	25.6
117.30	Perkins Food	99	+14	4.3	5.8	8.6
1,038.90	RHM	282	- 1½	...	6.3	14.9
2.41	Regina Hlth▲	1½	...	...	...	...
10,012.50	Sainsbury J	586	+ 2	8.7	2.1	21.1
1.54	Sunny Farm▲	36	...	...	1.7	8.4
58.50	Sims Food	197	+ 4	11.2	7.6	10.6
1,437.80	Tate & Lyle	405	+ 2	12.0	4.0	14.9
5,267.70	Tesco	220	+21	6.3	3.1	12.8
130.60	Thorntons	335	+13	3.6	2.4	19.1
10.20	Treats▲	108	+ 7	...	4.2	12.4
767.60	Unigate	330	+30	15.3	6.2	11.8
1,929.20	Utd Biscuits	371	+16	15.3	5.5	12.9
15.80	Usborne	24	...	0.4	2.2	14.8
43.90	Watson & Phil	273	+24	12.8	6.3	11.7

HOTELS, CATERERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1.92	Abrdn Stk Ha▲	16	...	...	...	...
149.40	City Centre Rest	79	+ 2	1.4	2.5	22.1
1,515.40	Forte	197	+ 9	9.9	6.7	...
23.20	Friendly Hotels	199	+39	5.5	3.7	16.0
2.39	Harmony Leis▲	9	+ 1½	...	...	...
2,108.80	Ladbroke	194	+11	11.1	7.7	16.0
452.80	Mandarin Orntl	66	+ 6	...	4.8	18.9
480.60	Queens Moat	52	+ 6½	2.8	7.4	6.9
169.00	-do- 7¼% cvpf	89½	+ 6	7.5	11.2	...
0.19	Regal Hotels▲	1½	+ ½	...	...	...
33.10	Resort Hotels	32½	+ 4½	3.4	14.2	4.1
205.50	Savoy Hotel 'A'	718	+ 5	7.0	1.3	...
1.62	Simpsons Crm▲	36	+ 3	...	...	...
119.80	Stakis	44	+ 4	0.9	...	...

INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
34.20	AAF Inds	186	+ 3	...	5.4	9.8
503.70	AAH	615	+41	16.3	3.5	19.5
22.20	AIM	167	+24	6.5	5.2	11.8
140.30	APV	116	+ 5	5.4	6.2	20.9
68.70	ASW	97	+15	9.0	...	18.4
86.30	Adwest	133	+ 8	7.0	7.0	18.9
4.37	Aerospace Eng	11½	+ 1½	1.0	11.6	7.0
54.20	Airsprung	459	-15	7.5	2.2	12.7
38.70	Alexandra W	115	...	3.6	4.2	62.2
6.14	Allied Radio	12½	- ½	...	...	...
63.90	Alumasc	433	+18	11.0	3.4	13.2
9.90	Alvis	18 †	+ ½	1.0	7.4	...
15.10	Amber Ind	385	+ 5	17.0	5.9	10.3
1.20	Amberley Gp▲	20	+ 2	...	...	...
20.00	Andrews Sykes	140 †	+ 6½	4.4	4.2	79.9
211.10	[illegible]	705	- 3	...	2.7	17.2
9.47	Armour	37	- 1½	1.4	5.4	10.9
39.80	Ash & Lacy	150	+ 7	6.4	5.7	12.4
7.88	Ast Br Eng	3	+ ½	0.0	2.2	...
94.90	Avon Rubber	455	+10	16.5	4.8	-
19.10	Assoc Nursing	175	+ 7	...	...	6.7
50.70	Atlas Equip▲	610	+40	...	4.6	12.6
3.60	Ayrshire Metal	36	+ 1	...	...	...
317.50	BBA	185	+ 5	7.5	6.1	21.2
1.86	BLP Group▲	23	...	...	...	...
94.30	BM Gp	76	+ 3	5.0	8.8	3.2
3,542.80	BOC	740	-17	23.2	4.1	16.4
150.30	BSG	72½	+ 5½	3.2	5.9	19.6
103.10	BSS Group	398	+15	...	5.8	15.9
10,925.10	BTR	549	- 1	16.5	4.0	19.3
97.60	BWI	205	+ 7	6.7	4.4	22.6
204.30	Babcock	38	+ 2	3.1	...	7.9
2.61	Bailey (CH)	4½	+ ½	...	...	...
28.50	Baird (Wm)	253	+12	8.9	4.7	16.3
1,172.80	Barlow Rand	600	...	...	6.3	3.1
3.04	Barrett (H)	7 #	...	2.0	...	16.2
63.40	Baynes (Charles)	51	+ 3	1.3	3.5	16.3
1.27	Beanford	11	- 1	1.8	...	...
7.06	Beckerhame	8	...	...	9.3	...
0.95	Bedford (W)▲	28	+ 5	...	...	...
28.00	Benson Group	21½	- 1½	0.1	0.6	20.1
156.70	Bespak	622	+14	9.0	1.9	19.3
187.70	Bibby (J)	120	- 1	9.7	11.5	6.8
2.37	Billam (J)	146	+17	4.2	3.9	6.7
1.91	Bilston Burzea▲	31	...	...	...	18.4
12.70	Bintec Ind	11½	+ 3	0.6	...	...
7.91	Black Arrow	32	...	2.1	8.8	7.6
3.66	Black & Edgtn▲	½	...	...	...	...
83.30	Black (Peter)	153	+17	2.9	2.6	18.6
10.80	Blackird Toys▲	140	+ 2	...	...	...
143.50	Bodycote	307	+ 6	9.2	2.5	17.6
5,271.30	Boots	509	-32	12.4	3.2	19.1
2.32	Booth Inds	38	-12	3.2	7.4	6.0
1,464.50	Bowater	466	-19	...	3.1	21.3
557.30	Bowater Inc	1538 †	-41	...	...	...
67.60	Boxmore Intl▲	203	+ 4	...	2.3	19.6
12.00	Brasway	19½	+ ½	0.5	3.0	20.0
93.40	Brammer	220	+16	13.0	7.9	15.1
3.81	Bridgend Gp	13	+ ½	1.2	...	5.9
46.50	Bridon	82	+18	4.0	...	-
5.51	Bridport-Gndry	55	...	4.1	9.9	10.3
852.10	Brierley Inv	34	...	...	8.8	8.9
34.80	Br Bldg & Eng	208	...	...	...	...
1.59	Br Bloodstock▲	42	...	...	...	...
111.00	Br Polythene	453	+26	9.0	2.6	13.8
1,225.00	Br Steel	61½	+ 3½	...	2.2	58.3
33.90	Br Syphon	100	...	3.0	4.0	38.0
11.80	Br Thornton	11½	- ½	...	2.9	...
534.80	Br Vita	290	- 4	...	3.5	16.5
9.23	Brixton Grp	7	+ ½	...	...	...
9,030.10	Broken Hill	563	-42	...	3.2	26.7
54.40	Bromsgrove Ind	81 †	+ 1½	4.0	6.6	11.2
2.80	Brooke Tool	7½	...	0.2	...	...
17.50	Brown & Tawse	55	+ 1	4.7	...	...
116.30	Bullough	97	+ 1	6.0	8.3	9.5
3.90	Business Tech▲	19	...	...	...	22.9
16.40	CI Group	19	- 1	2.0	14.4	7.8
2.45	Campbll & Arm	17	- 2	2.0	...	...
11.60	Cannon St	11½	+ 3½	3.3	...	...
121.00	Cape	228	+23	10.5	6.1	14.5
34.70	Carclo Eng	179	...	7.8	5.8	15.4
1,733.80	Carnaud Mtl	2150	+12	...	4.2	6.7
4.21	Cassidy Bros▲	78	+ 2	...	4.1	8.6
34.20	Castings	168	+ 4	4.0	3.3	11.6
8.26	Chamberlin Hill	113	...	6.0	7.1	6.8
602.60	Charter Cons	654	-43	21.5	4.4	15.7
45.40	Chemring	993 †	+51½	32.6	4.7	14.0
7.81	Chieftain Gp▲	90	- 2	...	7.5	10.0
7.61	Chillington	27	+ 4	0.5	2.5	...
203.40	Christies Int	147	- 1	3.3	...	...
7.18	Claybithe	43	+ 9	2.5	7.8	...
1.75	Clayton Son	80	...	3.0	5.0	...
1.22	Co Designers▲	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
7.42	Cohen (A)	400	...	10.0	...	...
72.70	Community H	223	+ 1	6.5	3.9	13.0
106.50	Concentric	108	+20	11.1	3.5	-
27.80	Cook (Wm)	127	+ 7	10.0	...	8.5
894.20	Cookson	200	+ 5	6.0	4.0	27.8
4.66	Copymore▲	43	+ 5	...	8.4	8.4
95.50	Crawell Fkr 'A'	237	...	5.7	3.2	17.8
19.30	Cosalt	168	- 3	10.7	8.5	25.6
8.10	Creighton Nt▲	220 †	- 2	...	4.2	15.9
22.50	CrestaCare	27	...	0.7	3.5	17.4
1,462.10	Dana	3187½	-25	...	...	...
150.90	Danka Bs Sys	394	+80	3.7	1.3	12.1
0.41	Davies (DT)▲	7	...	...	...	...
1,280.60	De La Rue	667	- 6	15.0	3.0	20.4
2.25	Dinkie Heel	17	+ 1	0.9	7.5	8.1
227.30	Diploma	408	+ 5	9.7	3.2	21.3
64.40	Dobson Park	53	+ 3	5.7	14.5	-
1.52	Dyson (JJ&J)	92	...	5.0	7.2	13.2
6.99	-do- 'A'	58	+ 1	5.0	11.5	8.3
1.41	EFG▲	9	...	...	...	...
157.10	EIS	428	+19	11.7	3.6	13.9
7.00	EIT Gp▲	14	- 1½	...	...	...
2.66	Ebdel	21	- 1	...	...	...
12.50	Eleco	43	+ 7	3.3	10.2	25.3
1,611.40	Electrolux 'B'	2187½	-15½	...	3.5	22.8
11.10	Elliott (B)	46	- 7	...	...	...
1,281.00	Eng China Cl	478	+21	20.0	5.6	16.5
3,021.50	Ericsson 'B'	1612½	-112½	...	2.0	50.2
30.90	Erskine Hse	66	+ 6	6.6	13.4	8.9
16.70	Eurocopy	34½	+ 2½	1.6	6.3	-
32.10	Expamet	51	+ 3	10.3	...	6.1
196.80	Fairey Group	529	+30	9.0	2.3	17.6
38.40	Fenner	88	- 3	4.2	6.4	18.6
1.94	Ferrands Group▲	33	- 1	...	4.0	7.5
2.04	Ferromet▲	1	+ ½	...	...	...
8.79	Ferrum	27	- 1	2.5	12.3	7.3
3.68	File Industrial	35	...	4.9	...	4.7
1,203.30	Fisons	246½	+ 1½	8.7	4.7	17.9
41.00	Flexitlon	35	+ 6	...	14.5	...
52.50	Fogarty	215	...	...	4.9	8.4
12.30	Folkes Group nv	40	...	2.3	7.9	8.1
7.17	French (Thomas)	60	+ 4	3.6	8.1	20.4
109.80	Frost Group	560	-60	2.0	0.5	36.1
26.80	GEI Int	74	- 2	7.3	13.2	15.2
1,230.50	GKN	470	+22	20.5	5.8	30.1
5.79	GR Hldgs	44	+ 2	...	6.3	...
3.20	Garton Eng	34	...	7.0	...	...
282.60	Gestetner	155	+ 1	8.2	7.4	-
4.91	Glews	36	...	...	...	26.0
22,150.30	Glaxo	732	-61	17.0	3.1	22.1
4.18	Glencheeton	16	...	...	...	...
526.60	Glynwed	255	- 2	11.6	6.1	25.1
36.00	Goode Durrant	68	+ 2	5.4	10.6	11.9
84.80	Grampian Hd	123	+ 6	5.5	6.0	15.9
1,534.90	Granada	362 †	- 9	...	2.8	19.5
39.00	Great Sthrn▲	305	+ 4	...	4.4	13.1
6.44	Green (Ernst)▲	80	...	...	11.7	11.0
6.23	Greenacre▲	9½	+ ½	...	3.6	9.9
1.52	Guardian Grp▲	8	...	...	...	...
36.00	Haden MacLn	41	+ 2	8.0	...	6.5
3.19	Hadleigh Inds▲	44	- 1	...	3.8	...
3.22	Reece	7½	...	...	...	8.7
28.20	Relyon	134	+ 3	4.9	4.9	17.4
144.80	Renishaw	297	- 5	6.5	2.9	22.2
38.80	Renold	99	+ 3	1.0	2.3	...
6,140.80	Reuters	1432	- 6	17.0	1.6	25.1
4.74	Rexmore	27	+ 2	1.7	8.6	6.6
30.80	Ricardo Intl	99	- 1	5.7	7.7	25.4
4.86	Richard (Leics)	58	...	4.4	10.1	5.8
77.50	Richardson West	67	+ 2	2.9	5.8	16.1
7.15	Ropner	109	...	8.2	10.1	7.8
15.60	-do- 'A'	100	+ 3	8.2	11.0	7.2
42.30	Ross Gp	36	+ 8	0.4	1.7	19.8
115.60	Rotork	400	+ 5	10.8	3.3	18.5
12.70	Rubicon	127	+27	...	...	...
15.00	Russell (A)	64	+ 1	2.1	4.5	23.8
7.27	SKF Inds▲	18 †	- 1	...	4.9	-
438.20	SKF 'B'	687½	-12½	...	5.7	...
1.30	Sale Tilney	4½	...	...	...	...
22.40	Sanderson Elec	284 †	+32½	9.0	4.7	10.8
14.50	Sangers	40	+ 1	...	0.8	32.7
41.92	Savile Gordn (J)	45	...	2.2	7.2	17.1
526.30	Scapa	232	+ 8	5.3	3.1	18.9
149.20	Scholl	222	+12	6.0	3.6	16.0
1.43	Scot Heritable	4	- ½	...	...	...
39.30	Securicor	945	+12	2.3	0.3	43.4
512.90	-do- 'A'	634	+14	2.3	0.5	29.1
586.40	Security Serv	535	+13	4.6	1.1	34.8
211.90	Senior Eng	89	+12	3.1	4.7	14.7
94.80	Seton Health	335	+19	...	2.1	20.8
2.48	Sheldon Jones▲	48	...	...	...	...
5.54	Shiloh	96	+ 1	2.7	3.8	26.0
130.80	Sidlaw	333	+18	10.0	4.0	15.3
1,749.50	Siebe	457	+22	...	2.7	18.8
107.20	Silentnight	229	+ 8	8.5	4.7	12.6
1,091.60	Sime Darby	108	- 5	...	4.1	13.3
119.40	Simon Eng	119	+15	15.7	17.4	15.7
52.50	Sinclair (Wm)	241	+ 6	7.0	3.9	15.5
25.30	Six Hundred	47	+ 4	2.5	7.1	...
1,620.80	Smith & Neph	160	- 3	4.4	3.7	20.1
6,380.30	SmithKline	448	-28	7.7	2.2	19.0
5,357.90	SmithKline Uts	409	-34	...	2.4	16.6
1,127.30	Smiths Ind	380	+19	11.2	3.8	15.5
128.10	Sthn Bus	114	+15	2.9	3.4	10.3
62.20	Spandite▲	287	+ 2	...	3.0	13.5
16.30	Spear (JW)	310	+10	10.0	4.3	9.6
245.30	Spirax-Sarco	324	+ 9	9.0	3.7	19.4
454.60	Spring Ram	123	- 3	0.2	0.3	16.2
3.20	Star Comp	47 #	...	...	...	22.0
225.70	Staveley	261	+30	8.2	4.2	14.9
36.40	Sterling Ind	130 †	+ 4½	5.6	5.7	16.3
2.31	Stonehill	11 #	+ 2	...	...	...
117.00	Suter	108	+11	8.8	10.9	9.6
	Swire Pacific 'A'	281	+ 4	...	3.0	18.9
6.49	Sycamore	7	+ ½	...	...	-
20.40	Syltone	250	+10	9.4	5.0	11.5
737.90	T&N	173	- 1	10.8	8.4	32.7
1,426.00	TI	328	- 8	10.2	4.4	16.6
3.84	TLS Range▲	17	+ 2	...	3.9	...
189.90	TT Group	367	+28	...	3.2	16.0
204.20	Takare	230	+10	1.5	0.8	32.8
5,660.00	[illegible]	648	+16	...	0.7	17.2
1.80	Tex Hldgs	28	+ 4	...	...	...
5.34	Tinsley (E)▲	74 †	+ 4	...	9.4	8.6
17.80	Titan▲	158	+ 8	...	3.2	-
2,896.40	Tomkins	257	+ 1	...	3.3	18.3
490.40	Trafalgar H	89	+10	8.0	9.0	8.0
163.30	-do- 'A'	86	+ 9	...	...	...
73.30	Transfer Tech	392	+46	...	4.4	10.8
88.60	Triplex Lloyd	173 †	+ 5½	7.0	5.4	15.2
378.30	UniChem	246	+ 4	5.0	2.7	18.2
37.20	Unidare	290	...	...	7.5	10.2
3.41	Unigroup	13	+ 1½	...	...	...
8,820.00	Unilever	1089	-26	18.9	2.3	16.8
10,762.90	Unilever (NV)	6700	-287½	...	3.1	10.0
191.30	VSEL	515	-13	25.0	6.5	5.9
9.74	Vernon	2	...	...	...	...
320.60	Vickers	122	+22	6.0	...	22.6
108.50	Victaulic	384	+43	...	2.7	17.3
112.00	Vinten	288	+ 5	6.6	3.1	15.5
138.70	Vosper Thorny	440	-20	13.1	3.9	10.8
4.28	WSP Hldgs	41	...	2.9	9.7	7.1
200.60	Wagon Ind	499 †	-38½	...	4.9	17.8
69.50	Walker Greenbk	76	+ 3	3.1	5.4	18.1
280.70	Wassall	200	- 7	...	1.6	40.3
170.10	Watford Wigwd	24	- 1	...	...	...
486.50	Weir	627	+19	10.5	2.2	18.2
8,041.70	Wellcome	934	-33	13.0	1.9	25.8
7.55	Wellman	27	...	2.2	...	8.8
106.30	Whatman	480	+17	8.7	2.4	17.3
65.00	Whessoe	279	+ 4	8.0	3.8	10.5
9.79	Whewray	7	...	1.0	19.0	...
13.60	Whitecroft	31	+ 4	4.0	...	4.1
3.05	Widney	5½	+ ½	...	...	...
9.17	Wilkes (James)	52	-11	10.0	...	2.9
1,666.20	Williams Hldg	353	+19	12.3	4.7	17.9
16.20	Wilshaw	30	+ 3	0.4	2.7	16.6
1,305.30	Wolseley	957	+14	12.5	3.0	21.1
3.00	Wood (Arthur)	150	...	4.1	3.6	16.2
14.90	Wyko	45	+ 2	2.8	8.3	20.5
6.28	Young (H)	41	+ 1	1.0	9.8	-

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675.60	Alex & Alex	1689	-93½	...	3.6	...
3,984.60	Am Gen	3687½	-75	...	3.6	...
9.89	Archer (A)	39	...	4.4	15.9	17.9
71.60	Bradstock	136	+ 3	5.1	5.1	-

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Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
36.20	Hall Eng	124	+ 9	8.6	9.3	11.1
1.65	Halls Homes▲	3½	...	...	...	...
338.70	Halma	230 †	- 1	2.2	1.3	28.5
28.40	Hampson Ind	48	...	2.3	6.6	13.3
11,449.90	Hanson	237½	+ 4	11.0	6.2	12.1
18.50	Harris (Phillip)	220	+12	6.2	3.8	15.3
1,103.50	Harrisn Crsfld	159	+10	9.0	7.5	27.4
10.90	Havelock Euro	42	+ 3	1.5	...	...
6.65	Hawthorn Les▲	3½	...	...	...	...
3.60	Hay (Norman)	24	+ 4	1.1	...	...
2.74	Headway	17	...	0.7	5.5	9.0
649.40	Hepworth	316	+ 9	14.8	6.3	12.6
9.06	Hewitt (J)	161	...	2.5	2.1	12.4
1.63	High-Point	32	...	1.3	5.4	...
41.60	Hill & Smith	127	...	...	5.7	14.2
6.11	Hobson▲	10	+ ½	...	...	...
2.87	Holders Tech▲	92	+ 5	...	8.9	12.4
25.00	Hopkinsons	32	...	3.7	...	9.3
13.40	Hornby▲	165	...	...	7.3	12.9
6.19	Hospital Grp	7½	...	...	13.8	2.1
148.10	Howden	68	+ 6	2.0	3.9	11.7
140.10	Hunting	186	+ 8	10.0	7.2	14.5
77.30	Huntleigh Tech▲	880	- 3	...	0.7	32.5
901.30	IMI	278	+13	10.0	4.8	19.2
27.40	ISA Intl	94	+ 4	1.3	1.9	18.2
58.40	Intercare Gp▲	194	+ 6	...	1.4	25.6
33.35	Isotron	240	+ 4	3.9	2.2	16.4
2,653.20	Jardine Math	377	+11	...	2.8	11.9
989.20	Johnson Matth	535	+14	9.6	2.4	22.2
81.40	Johnson & Fb	58	+ 2	3.0	6.9	17.9
14.10	Johnston	135	+ 5	9.0	...	63.6
2.43	Jones Shipman	20	...	...	...	...
4.38	Jourdan (T)	23	...	1.5	8.7	...
5.44	Kalamazoo	39½	+ 3	...	...	24.3
140.30	Kalon	116½	+ 1½	3.2	3.7	18.8
9.03	Kelsey Ind	394 †	+41	13.0	5.9	-
183.40	Kershaw (A)	470	+ 5	22.0	7.7	24.4
14.80	Kleen-E-Ze	107	+32	...	...	-
2.93	LGW▲	66	+ 5	...	2.3	22.9
352.40	Laird	302	+ 7	...	4.5	14.6
44.30	Lea (Arthur)	135	+27	3.9	3.9	66.5
19.30	Lilleshall	114	+ 4	4.0	4.7	12.1
6.77	Lincat▲	99	- 2	...	6.9	14.1
0.97	Lincoln Hse▲	6	+ 1½	...	...	...
10.80	Linread	90	+14	3.5	...	12.7
24.20	Linton Park	180	+ 7	13.0	9.6	31.4
32.60	Lionheart	14½	+ 1½	0.3	2.8	15.6
5.10	Locker (T) A	17	+ 2	1.0	7.8	55.2
43.00	Lon Intl	261	+ 7	9.4	4.9	17.1
650.30	Lonrho	74	+ 3½	...	2.2	...
232.70	Low & Bonar	288	-15	9.1	4.1	16.4
1,401.40	MB-Caradon	308	- 4	8.5	3.7	24.3
276.30	-do- pf	157½	+ ½	7.2	6.3	...
9.01	ML Hldgs	18	...	1.8	...	14.1
7.32	MS Intl	27 †	+ 1	2.5	12.3	37.1
19.20	MY Holdings	46 †	+ 8	...	2.0	14.0
131.00	Macfarlane	260	+24	4.2	2.2	34.6
313.60	McKechnie	394	+ 4	14.7	5.0	20.5
49.90	McLeod Russel	105	+ 5	6.0	7.6	12.8
34.60	Maddox	7½	+ ½	...	...	...
1.79	Magnolia	66	...	5.4	...	46.2
12.70	Mang Bronze	77	+ 6	1.0	1.7	...
40.50	Marling	26	...	0.3	...	...
25.80	Mayborn▲	132	+ 8	...	4.2	11.3
36.20	Mayflower	37	+ ½	...	1.4	18.2
406.50	Medeva	205	-11	1.5	1.0	20.3
212.40	Meggitt	97	...	3.6	4.9	14.5
88.70	Mentmore	120	+ 4	...	3.8	15.8
11.60	Metsec▲	75	+ 1	...	6.7	...
14.10	Midsummer	29	...	...	13.8	4.7
4.64	Mining & Ald	16	...	0.5	4.3	...
113.60	Molins	370	...	12.7	4.6	9.9
722.90	Morgan Cble	335	+15	12.6	5.0	16.4
11.80	Morris Ashby▲	165	+10	...	4.4	12.5
7.22	Neepsend	30	+12	1.3	...	...
26.20	Nestor-BNA	55	- 1	3.1	12.0	5.7
12.90	Nobo Gp	122	...	3.5	3.8	14.9
179.30	Norcros	152 †	- 3½	7.0	7.1	22.6
22.10	Novo Group	35	...	...	1.1	...
143.10	Nu-Swift	328	- 3	...	8.1	9.1
2.27	Office Elec Mac	37	...	0.1	0.4	...
12.30	OMI Intl	27½	+ 2½	1.7	8.5	...
18.70	PCT▲	140	...	...	6.7	12.7
2.26	Pacer Systems▲	48	...	...	7.8	...
467.00	Pentland	127	+ 4	2.2	2.4	18.2
197.30	Photo-Me	335	+25	4.4	1.8	17.1
861.00	Pilkington	110	+ 9	8.0	7.3	40.0
2.24	Platon▲	21	...	...	...	...
55.40	Plansbrook	78	+ 6	...	5.1	11.4
208.00	Polypipe	134	+ 7	1.9	2.0	20.0
321.20	Portals	498	+10	13.8	3.7	16.2
28.30	Porter Chadbrn	90	+ 8	2.5	11.4	7.2
1.06	Porth Gp▲	5½	...	...	...	...
240.10	Powerscreen	325	+19	6.0	2.5	18.4
34.50	Prospect Inds	19½	+ 2½	0.7	5.1	9.9
4.39	RPS Group▲	35	+ 1½	...	...	11.6
1.02	Radiant Metal	75	- 3	...	...	...
14.80	Ransom CH▲	88	+ 7	...	3.0	62.8
2,212.40	Rank Org	716	+28	31.0	5.8	20.1
15.30	Ransomes	27	- 2	...	...	...
2,442.20	Reckitt Colm	651	+21	18.1	3.1	15.4
18.70	Record	56	+ 6	3.6	8.6	10.8

INSURANCE (continued)

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
697.10	Britannic	1110	+10	29.5	3.5	...
2,834.00	Com Union	634	+13	23.6	5.0	...
83.10	Dom & Gen	1225	...	...	2.0	20.2
48.50	Eal	20	...	...	...	...
2,583.00	Gen Accident	574	- 4	26.7	6.2	...
1,498.20	GRE	173	+ 7	7.0	...	...
224.90	Heath C E	352	+ 3	16.0	6.1	20.7
108.20	Hogg Gp	173	+ 1	8.1	6.3	10.5
196.40	JIB Group	178	+13	...	5.6	13.1
2,110.00	Legal & Gen	436	+22	18.8	5.7	...
1,883.90	Liberty Life	827	+12	...	3.3	20.1
2,912.90	Lloyds Abbey	433	+12	17.3	5.3	14.5
164.80	Lloyd Thomp	280	+ 5	8.6	2.9	19.1
347.10	London & Man	280	- 4	11.5	6.2	22.3
81.20	Lowndes Lmb	344	+21	12.6	4.9	13.7
4,268.40	Marsh McLn	5862½	-162½	...	2.8	...
13.50	Oriel	95	+ 1	...	7.0	7.0
16.60	PWS	55	+ 2	4.0	9.7	11.2
5,537.10	Prudential	295	- 3½	11.0	5.0	25.6
415.50	Refuge	810	+10	29.0	4.8	36.3
1,414.30	Royal	291	+23	11.2	...	...
718.00	Sedgwick	175	+ 7	6.0	4.6	18.8
104.20	Steel Burrill	224	+ 8	13.2	7.9	14.2
41.80	Sturge Hldgs	81	- 2	8.2	14.2	-
2,878.30	Sun Alliance	358	+16	14.2	5.3	...
98.70	Trade Indemnity	54	- 2	...	...	...
720.45	Transatlantic	246	+ 7	...	6.5	17.2
408.70	Utd Friendly	499	- 4	12.3	3.3	28.3
812.60	Willis Corroon	195	+ 6	13.2	9.0	21.9
4.41	Windsor	16	- 2	...	...	58.8

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
786.30	Alliance	1584	- 2	43.0	3.7	36.1
191.40	Ames Trust	230	- 3½	4.8	2.8	48.7
351.80	Ang & O'seas	308	- 5	6.4	2.8	46.1
64.10	BZW Conv	127	+ 2½	7.8	8.2	14.9
210.60	Bankers	136	- 1½	3.4	3.4	-
137.00	Baring Tribne	267	+ 2	6.2	3.1	42.9
6.81	Berry Starq	131	...	2.0	2.0	44.3
378.20	Br Assets	98½	- 1½	4.1	5.7	34.1
76.50	Br Empire Sec	37½	- 1	0.8	2.1	38.4
1.26	-do- Wnts	14	...	...	...	...
489.80	Br Inv	257	...	4.5	3.8	39.4
53.30	City & Comm	1520	-12	...	4.3	66.4
38.40	Contl Asset	131	+ 4	...	...	...
22.60	Derby Inc	191	- 6	16.4	...	10.4
30.40	-do- Cap	198	...	...	...	...
100.50	Drayton Asia	100	+ 9	0.7	0.9	...
8.09	-do- Blue Chip	64	+ 2	8.4	18.3	6.9
16.10	-do- Eng Intl	39	- 1	1.2	4.1	57.2
104.00	-do- Far East	90	+ 6	0.6	0.9	...
22.80	-do- Korea	98	+ 4	...	...	...
186.40	Dunedin Inc G	588	- 5	25.4	5.8	23.9
173.20	-do- Wrldw	517	+ 1	9.5	2.5	53.3
38.80	Dundee & Lon	231	+ 9	12.0	6.9	22.5
7.20	EFM Inc Tst	48 †	- 1	4.8	13.3	8.8
7.76	-do- Div Pf	51½	...	...	...	...
740.40	Edinburgh	252	- 6	8.0	4.3	30.8
151.10	Electric Gen	145 †	- 1	3.1	2.9	46.1
1.26	English Scot	85	...	...	...	...
51.60	European Asset	207	...	...	3.4	28.4
21.60	Finsbury 'A'	90	+13	3.0	4.4	20.0
168.10	Fleming Amer	251	- 5½	1.2	0.7	...
76.60	-do- Claver	383	- 2	10.5	3.4	33.8
139.70	Do-Contl	214	- 3½	2.8	1.7	...
60.40	-do- Entp	151	+ 2	4.5	4.0	33.9
328.10	-do- F Estn	217	+ 4	1.3	0.9	...
31.90	-do- Fledg	254	+ 8	3.0	1.6	...
31.70	-do- Hi Inc	111	+ 4½	5.8	7.0	18.9
159.10	-do- Japan	138	- 4	0.3	0.3	...
366.30	-do- Merc	253½	- 6	6.7	3.5	36.3
284.30	-do- O'seas	214	- 7½	4.0	2.5	51.1
1,080.00	Foreign & Col	205½	- 4½	...	2.2	60.7
99.60	-do- Eurotst	164½	- 1½	1.2	1.0	...
34.60	-do- German	88	- 2	0.4	0.6	...
205.40	-do- Pacific	193	- 1	1.7	1.2	...
104.30	-do- Smaller	117 †	+ ½	...	2.1	59.4
93.00	GT Japan	149	+ 1	...	1.0	...
13.20	Genl Cons Cap	73	+ 8	...	...	...
41.30	-do- Inc	114	+ 2	...	11.0	10.6
31.20	Govett Atn Smlr	125	+ 2	...	...	...
338.70	-do- Oriental	189½	+ 4½	0.8	0.6	...
203.10	-do- Strategy	213	+ 2½	6.7	4.2	29.4
39.90	Greenfriar	346	+ 6	6.1	2.4	-
0.43	Gresham House	30	+ 4	...	...	...
46.00	Independent Inv	49½	+ 1	0.5	1.3	78.4
316.70	Inv Cap	128	- ½	5.1	5.3	25.7
17.00	IAS UK Smlr	81	+ 2	2.0	3.3	20.0
128.40	Kleinwort Chrt	159½	+ 3	5.8	4.3	-
143.00	-do- O'seas	137	- 5	3.3	2.4	53.3
15.40	-do- Smlr	110	+ 1	...	4.8	21.7
123.80	Law Debenture	549	- 3	...	4.3	28.7
86.60	Majedie	165	- 1	...	3.8	35.9
233.50	Merchants	228	- 4	...	6.2	21.0
3,695.00	Merrill Lynch	3887½	-75	...	...	...
302.60	Monks Inv Tst	390	+ 1	6.7	2.3	52.5
31.30	Morg Gren Inc	107	...	...	5.7	-
1.17	Do Warrants	26	+ 1	...	...	...
11.30	Murray Euro	30	...	0.4	1.6	...
0.30	Do Wts	5	...	...	...	...
239.30	Murray Income	285	- 5	...	5.0	27.2
321.30	-do- Intl	289 †	- 0½	...	5.7	23.8
148.20	-do- Small	266	+ 3	4.0	2.0	57.0
5.38	-do- S/C Inc	98	...	...	14.4	-
2.95	-do- S/C Cap	75	+ 2	...	...	...
1.43	-do- S/C Uts	2750	...	...	5.1	-
8.65	-do- S/C DP	144½	- ½	...	...	...
59.10	-do- Vent	239	+ 6	10.3	5.7	18.9
58.00	New Frontier	58	+ 1	0.2	0.6	79.1
27.80	Nthrgt Inc	71 †	+ 2½	6.7	12.7	10.0
96.20	O'seas Inv Tst	252½	+ 5½	2.8	1.5	72.1
57.40	Pacific Assets	292	+ 8	1.0	0.5	...
7.41	Do Warrants	103	- 5	...	...	...
11.80	Personal Assets	28½	- 3	1.6	2.7	40.9
188.70	RIT Cap Ptnr	104	- 4	1.1	1.3	47.1
23.70	River & Merc	118	...	...	10.4	...
	Robeco	390	- 1	...	3.7	...
	Rolinco	346	- 4	...	2.3	...
75.60	St Andrew Inv	220	+ 6	7.5	4.0	30.0
209.60	Scot American	134	- 1½	...	4.3	30.9
29.30	Scot Asian	698	+ 8	...	...	...
415.00	-do- Eastern	65½	- 1	1.4	2.9	40.3
471.70	Scottish	189½	+ 2½	4.6	3.3	-
660.10	-do- Mtge	180	+ 1	3.9	2.8	43.1
34.00	-do- Value	71	...	...	3.4	52.2
269.60	Second Allnce	1404	-28	36.5	3.5	39.7
281.80	Secs Tst of Scot	75½	- 1	1.2	5.7	25.2
27.40	Selective Asset	114	+ 4½	0.8	1.0	...
17.00	Sphere Inv	14	...	...	29.5	4.0
53.90	TR Far East	116	+ 3	4.5	5.2	25.5
245.70	TR City Of Lon	128½	- 1½	4.7	5.0	26.7
75.70	TR Pacific	113	...	...	0.3	...
50.50	TR Property	17½	+ ½	1.4	...	52.2
21.10	TR Tech Inv	48	+ 1	1.7	4.9	23.8
282.00	TR Smlr Cos	147	+ 1	3.7	3.4	43.0
166.20	Temple Bar	280	- 5	...	6.0	20.4
71.00	Thrntn Asian E	71	+ 1	0.5	0.9	...
160.80	Throgmorton	57	+ 2½	2.3	5.4	22.2
13.10	Throg Dual Cp	375	-10	...	...	...
66.30	USDC Invest	181	+ 1	4.2	3.1	34.6
32.00	Value Inc Tst	77	+ ½	...	6.2	20.1
374.10	Whitbread Inv	593	- 5	15.0	3.4	30.1
621.10	Witan	187½	- 1½	...	4.0	32.4

LEISURE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1.45	Airbreak Leis	3½	...	...	...	0.7
365.00	Airtours	285 †	- 3½	7.2	3.4	-
17.30	Ald Leis	46	+ 2	4.7	13.8	10.0
42.10	Anglia TV	208	+10	...	3.1	18.8
19.60	Barr & W 'A'	197	- 3	10.0	6.8	9.8
38.10	Boosey Hwks	970	+40	20.0	2.7	15.6
10.40	Border TV▲	102	- 1	...	3.6	13.2
16.70	Brent Walker	5½	+ 1	...	...	...
5.42	Buckingham Int	4½	...	2.1	...	1.1
29.90	Campari	276	+34	...	5.3	7.6
127.30	Capital Radio	180	+ 9	5.2	3.9	21.0
1,594.00	Carlton Comm	800	+32	...	2.9	23.1
10.60	Castle Comm▲	170	+22	...	0.7	19.2
448.00	Central TV	1675	+60	30.5	2.4	21.5
20.10	Chrysalis	70	+ 1	...	...	-
369.90	Compass Gp	344	+26	12.3	3.1	15.2
90.60	Eurocamp	340	+34	...	3.3	19.0
1,300.50	Euro Disney	766	-18	...	1.6	...
5.93	Euro Leisure	3½	+ ½	...	...	6.8
15.30	Ex-Lands	22	+ 2	...	...	...
1.99	Expeditor▲	1½	+ ½	...	...	...
9.10	Fairline Boats	380	+15	10.5	5.5	...
514.00	First Leisure	327	+11	5.7	2.3	22.2
9.14	GWR Gp▲	298	...	...	3.2	-
34.20	Grampian	153	+ 4	5.5	4.8	10.8
0.39	Greenwich Comm▲	5½	...	...	...	...
13.80	HTV Group	20	...	3.7	...	...
13.00	Hi-Tec Sports	30	...	5.5	...	1.9
13.20	Kunick	5½	...	1.4	...	12.1
251.60	LWT CP	284	+21	5.9	2.8	13.8
41.20	Man Utd	339	+12	18.0	7.1	11.7
194.10	Owners Abrd	119	+22½	3.5	4.0	-
7.52	The Pelican Gp	35	+ 2	...	3.9	12.0
6.66	Prism Leisure▲	55	...	...	4.9	7.0
4.68	Quadrant Grp	20	...	4.0	...	3.0
28.60	Radio Clyde▲	314	+14	...	3.6	-
8.64	Ramsdens (H)	144	+ 5	...	4.2	21.2
211.70	Scot TV	442	+60	...	2.4	28.4
14.20	Southern Radio	50	+ 2	0.2	2.1	30.8
77.60	Stanley Leisure	176	+ 7	...	3.2	14.5
5.06	Sunleigh▲	5½	...	...	...	...
8.00	Sunset & Vine	140	+ 2	3.5	4.2	16.1
6.17	TSW	28 #	...	...	22.7	3.7
22.80	TVS	35	+ 2½	...	...	2.8
718.10	Tanjong	383	...	...	...	72.1
78.80	Thames TV	159	+ 2	7.5	6.3	4.5
13.80	Tottenham Hot	86	+ 2	...	...	4.2
21.30	Trans World▲	53	+ 0	...	...	...
1.71	Trillion▲	3 #	...	...	...	...
29.10	Ulster TV	277	+ 3	7.5	3.6	19.2
52.80	Wembley	20½	+ 3½	1.8	...	...
3.48	Whitegate	12	+ 4½	...	10.7	4.0
57.00	Yorkshire TV	115	+ 5	12.0	13.9	4.1
5.51	Zetters Gp	84	...	8.0	12.7	8.4

MINING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
479.90	Am Gold	1987½	+43½	...	11.2	8.9
264.50	Ang Am Coal	1050	-25	...	9.7	4.5
2,964.00	Ang Am	1275	+106½	...	6.0	7.9
7.38	Anglo Pac Res▲	9½	+ 1	...	...	...
8.64	Blyvoors	36	...	...	19.5	1.7
2.94	Bracken	21	- 1	...	...	1.1
26.80	Buffels	244	-17	...	17.1	5.7
4.12	Botte	1½	- ½	...	...	...
3,302.40	CRA	557	-39	...	3.2	-
12.00	Cluff Res	16½	+ ½	1.0	6.1	24.6
3,229.30	De Beers	862½	+69½	...	...	7.0
37.80	Deelkraal	38	- 4	...	17.7	1.9
4.00	Doornfontein	10	- 2	...	...	...
805.80	Driefontein	395	-20	...	9.4	6.5
2.84	Durban	122	- 3	...	...	...
21.40	E Rand Gold	47	- 4	...	35.0	1.3
5.07	E Daggs	72	-11	...	...	5.3
6.48	E Rand Prop	57	-10	...	...	...
131.90	Elandsrand	136	+ 4	...	5.8	4.2
363.90	FS Cons	305	- 5	...	17.9	3.0
1.78	FS Dev	8	- 2	...	...	...
770.50	GFSA	800	-12	...	5.6	11.3
1.62	Gevor Tin	4½	...	...	...	...
1,857.80	Gencor	135	+ 2	...	7.3	10.5
178.70	GM Kalgoorli	37½	+ 2	...	3.2	9.2
3.86	Greenwich R 'A'	5½	...	...	...	...
5.83	Grootvlei	51	- 2	...	...	2.1
21.80	Harmony	81	- 5	...	...	...
101.90	Hartes	91	- 7	...	...	3.1
18.60	Inco	9	+ ½	...	...	...
323.40	Impala Plat	520	-10	...	7.4	10.5
7.20	Kenmare Res▲	7½	+ 1	...	...	...
61.60	Kinross	342	+ 4	...	16.7	3.1
437.80	Kloof	326	-24	...	6.1	5.0
4.00	Leslie	25	...	...	19.4	2.2
2.13	Loraine	13	...	...	...	...
1,434.60	MIM	102½	- 8½	...	2.2	46.0
1,445.00	Minorco	844	-11	...	4.1	10.8
592.00	Nth Brkn Hill	93	- 6½	...	5.3	-
143.00	Orange Free	635	-25	...	22.6	4.9
6,730.20	RTZ	673	-10½	19.5	3.9	20.3
63.40	Rand Mines	425	...	...	15.3	1.8
10.50	Rand Min Prp	85	...	...	22.0	3.7
97.20	Randfontein	198	-16	...	12.2	2.6
246.30	Renison	124	+ 4	...	3.6	12.1
1,174.90	Rustnbrg	937½	+15½	...	5.5	13.0
18.40	St Helena	191	- 7	...	23.0	2.6
120.00	Southvaal	500	- 6½	...	11.4	8.6
3.61	Stilfontein	20	+ 2	...	...	...
16.50	Unisel	59	- 1	...	5.7	5.2
353.60	Vaal Reefs	1880	+ 9½	...	12.8	3.0
54.80	Welkom	155	-11	...	24.1	4.2
12.50	Western Areas	31	...	...	...	...
173.20	Westn Deep	625	-18½	...	...	2.0
1,337.90	Westn Mining	181½	-15½	...	2.7	...
41.70	Winkels	342	+ 2	...	3.3	2.5
71.10	Zambia Copper	58	+ 2	...	...	...
24.70	Zandpan	19	...	...	...	5.3

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
8.97	Airflow Strmln	105	+10	0.1	0.1	15.8
45.20	Appleyard	96	+11	7.8	10.8	70.9
9.59	Bletchley Mtr	210	+ 6	8.2	7.3	11.8
18.00	Bostrom	125	+ 5	6.0	6.4	34.0
717.10	Br Aerospace	190	+25	25.0	...	4.0
10.60	Caffyns	328	...	11.5	4.7	43.7
13.80	Central Mtr▲	103	- 9	...	5.2	13.9
10.20	Cook (DC)▲	24	+ 2	...	2.8	...
212.30	Cowie (T)	167	+11	4.8	3.9	12.6
17.50	Dag Motors	99	+13	5.7	7.7	11.7
15.90	Dwnpt Vern	114	+ 7	4.0	4.7	13.4
19.30	ERF	197	+42	4.0	...	...
180.50	FR Group	242	+16	6.6	3.7	11.6
14,351.70	Ford Motor	2943½	+75	...	...	...
14,997.00	General Mtr	2175	+31½	...	2.3	...
34.40	Henlys	91	+ 4	3.0	4.4	...
6,499.50	Honda Motor	668	+18	...	0.8	...
1.95	Jacks (Wm)	18	+ 3	...	...	...
6.10	Jessups	72	+ 5	4.5	8.3	...
224.80	Kwik-Fit	131	+ 5	3.3	3.4	13.0
267.70	Lex Service	286	+ 1	10.0	4.7	...
21.80	Lookers	114	+29	6.3	7.3	...
1,007.90	Lucas	143	+11	7.0	6.5	...
73.50	Pendragon	245	-10	6.0	3.3	21.9
21.60	Perry Gp	116	+10	9.0	10.3	20.7
19.60	Quicks Group	120	+12	3.0	3.3	22.1
1,151.30	Rolls-Royce	119	+ 3	7.2	8.1	22.5
57.50	Yardy (Reg)	128	- 2	4.0	4.2	19.6
120.90	Westland	129	+ 3	4.2	4.4	11.4

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
15.30	Adscene	103	...	4.0	5.2	15.4
5.08	Black (A&C)	330	...	13.0	5.3	19.7
487.30	Blenheim Gp	528	+43	9.0	2.3	19.8
48.90	Bristol	209	+17	11.5	5.1	22.2
413.80	Daily Mail	8275 †	+471½	13.0	2.1	-
413.80	Daily Mail 'A'	8275 †	+577½	13.0	2.1	-
181.20	Dorling Kind	294	+13	...	1.4	28.1
589.90	EMAP	340	- 2	...	2.9	22.1
125.80	Euromoney Pb	923	+50	29.5	4.3	-
23.60	Haynes Pub	234	+ 1	6.0	3.4	9.9
28.10	Headline	234	+ 4	10.0	1.7	26.0
11.80	Home Counts	119	+14	8.2	9.2	22.5
5.70	Intl Bus Comm	3½	+ ½	...	...	...
4.48	Int Cm & Data▲	6½	...	...	...	...
151.60	Independent	403	+ 3	...	5.0	13.7
130.30	Johnston Press	423	+28	5.5	1.7	20.0
24.10	Metal Bulletn	348	+ 6	7.4	4.0	20.1
404.80	Mirror Gp	103	+13	...	...	9.6
5,015.40	News Corp	1189	-166	...	0.4	-
1,167.20	News Intl	876	-20	3.9	0.8	11.7
1,060.10	Pearson	399	-81	...	4.3	16.0
69.60	Portsmth Sund	580	+69	8.6	2.0	14.9
3,487.50	Reed Int	625	-16	16.0	3.4	20.7
16.70	Southnews	110	+12	...	1.8	32.4
32.10	Sterling Pub▲	100	+10	...	3.4	32.8
465.00	Telegraph	347	+ 2	...	3.8	13.7
4,038.20	Thomson Corp	715	-20	25.2	4.7	12.1
237.70	Trinity Intl	345	+23	...	3.2	20.3
1.98	Unit Group▲	77	- 2	...	...	...
1,005.50	Utd Nwspprs	503	-27	21.0	5.6	17.2

OILS, GAS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4.38	Aberdeen Pet▲	8½	+ 1½	...	...	8.7
51.90	Aran Energy	18½	...	...	...	...
26.30	Arcon Intl▲	46	+ 6	...	...	...
	Aus Oil & Gas	41½	- 1½	...	...	...
6.14	Aviva Pet	33	+ 7	...	...	...
3.31	Beverley	9½	...	...	0.6	...
3.25	Brynd	2½	...	...	...	...
68.40	Br Borneo	152	+ 6	7.1	6.2	16.8
12,380.70	British Gas	287	- 4½	...	8.2	13.2
12,818.30	Br Petroleum	236½	-12	...	5.9	47.3
5.45	Bula Resources	1	...	...	...	...
1,291.70	Burmah Castl	702	-35	24.0	4.6	16.1
18.00	Cairn Energy	37	+ 4	...	...	...
395.10	Calor Gp	235	+ 6	12.0	6.8	15.4
3.12	Calpen Oil	6½	...	...	...	...
134.60	Clyde Pet	39	- 2	1.2	...	14.0
4.19	Crossroads Oil▲	9	- ½	...	...	...
1.02	Edin Oil & Gs▲	11½	...	...	...	...
2,093.60	Enterprise	438	- 3	15.7	4.8	31.2
69.50	Exp Co Louis	73	- 5	...	...	...
49.20	Fairhaven Intl	20½	+ 1½	...	1.2	8.2
66.30	Goal Pet	48	- ½	1.3	3.5	9.1
20.80	GT Western Res	23	+ 5	...	...	...
104.30	Hardy O & G	116	- 1	1.0	1.1	36.4
27.60	Kelt Energy	19½	+ 1	...	...	...
1,170.00	LASMO	156	- 2	8.5	7.3	20.3
5.53	-do- Units	78	- 2	15.0	25.6	...
3.04	Mid Scot Res▲	19	+ 1½	...	...	...
245.80	Monument	37	- 1½	...	...	38.5
11.10	New London	9½	+ ½	...	...	...
12.00	Nth Sea Assets	23	+ 2	0.7	4.3	6.0
85.70	Oil Search	28½	- 2	...	...	...
	Petros	13½	+ 1	...	...	...
51.60	Pict Pet	100	...	...	...	13.9
115.10	Premier	21½	- 1½	...	...	9.7
19.00	Presidio	73	+25	...	8.4	...
332.30	Ranger	338	-15	...	1.4	...
28,741.90	Royal Dtch Fl	5250	-187½	...	5.9	14.9
8,773.60	Schlumberger	3612	-125	...	2.1	...
24.70	Seafield	35	...	...	...	...
18,002.40	Shell	541	- 3½	20.8	5.1	31.6
3.74	Sunrise Eng Sv	130	...	...	...	...
2.46	Teredo	4½	- 1	...	...	...
20.70	Triton Europe	36	...	...	...	8.1
696.70	Woodside	143	- 1½	...	2.5	...

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Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
54.30	API	254	+10	7.5	3.9	-
1,291.40	Arjo Wiggins	195	+ 6	8.1	...	12.0
60.31	Abbott Mead	412	+ 5	8.4	2.7	20.7
2.31	Aeeo Group	1	...	...	...	...
30.70	Argus Gp	52	+ 5	...	...	7.4
21.10	Aspen Comm▲	181	+25	...	1.8	20.7
0.61	BBB Design▲	5½	...	...	...	...
90.00	Bemrose	258	+61	11.7	5.3	15.1
5.84	Birndale	11	+ 2	0.2	1.8	27.9
511.80	Bunzl	125	+ 6	4.0	4.3	20.2
31.00	CFA Gp	32	+ 6	...	1.9	17.7
3.85	City of Lond▲	52	...	...	9.1	10.5
0.18	Clarke Hooper▲	1½	...	...	...	...
13.90	Cropper (James)	171	+ 1	3.0	2.3	18.5
1.66	Crown Comm▲	6 #	...	...	...	...
4.98	Delyn Packaging	54	+ 3	1.4	3.4	10.7
22.90	Dolphin Pack	57	- 1	0.5	4.2	12.0
4.93	Dudley Jenkins▲	41	...	...	12.4	10.8
28.30	[illegible]	15½	- ½	0.2	...	11.6
14.70	Fairway Group▲	98	+ 6	...	3.8	12.7
92.60	Ferguson Intl	255	+ 1	12.9	5.8	16.4
17.00	Filofax▲	78	+ 2	...	0.7	18.8
7.12	Fitch	39	+ 3	...	...	2.2
6.41	Gibbon Lyons▲	71	...	...	9.0	13.9
46.60	Gold Greenlees	255	+ 7	8.3	4.3	20.3
5.99	Goodhead	40	...	0.5	1.2	78.8
32.60	Hunterprint	43	...	...	...	...
5.85	Lopex	23	+ 4	...	...	10.4
72.00	Mrre O'Ferrall	223	+47	13.2	2.0	13.8
21.10	NMC Group	58	+ 4	1.2	...	11.4
2.93	Olive Hldgs	85	...	9.0	...	9.3
4.87	Osborne & Little	64 †	+ 3	4.7	8.4	8.8
27.40	Quarto	167	...	5.2	3.0	9.0
117.60	St Ives Gp	142	+12	3.3	2.0	20.1
271.90	Saatchi	130	+19	...	...	...
689.30	Sappi	499	+40	...	8.9	8.0
3.09	Senia	12½	...	...	...	...
12.00	Shandwick	14½	- 1½	...	...	11.8
384.70	Smith David	311	+16	9.5	4.1	17.8
1,323.00	Smurfit (Jeff)	271 †	+ 1½	...	0.6	8.8
42.60	Stat Plus	198	+18	7.1	4.8	16.1
35.60	Taylor Nelson	16½	...	...	1.2	34.2
2.78	VTR▲	19	...	...	11.8	10.0
128.60	WPP	54	+ 7	...	...	...
56.50	Wace	77	+15	8.2	14.3	8.5
176.40	Waddington (J)	221	+ 5	7.9	4.8	16.7
185.40	Watmough	560	+35	10.5	2.5	24.4
0.66	Waverley Cam	1½	...	...	...	...
5.23	Westport▲	4½	+ ½	...	...	16.1
0.86	Whitney Mcks▲	12	...	...	...	...
9.04	Wood (SW)	57	...	0.2	0.6	...

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1.47	Abaco Group▲	1½	...	...	...	...
28.40	Allied Lon	41	- 1	3.5	11.5	36.4
5.23	Arcadian	59	...	...	...	...
36.00	Asda	64	+10	2.0	4.2	22.8
41.50	Avonside	99	+ 2	...	7.8	8.0
4,394.90	BCE▲	2113½	-25	...	...	...
179.30	Bilton	414	+18	18.0	5.8	14.9
2.05	Bourne End	24	...	1.0	5.6	...
231.30	Bradford	161	+ 9	4.4	3.7	14.6
7.34	Brodero	30	+ 2	...	...	1.9
442.80	Br Land	185 †	+ 1½	8.1	4.5	17.4
274.70	Brixton	160	+ 2	8.1	6.3	12.7
52.30	Burford	45	...	0.9	2.8	21.5
18.80	Cap & Regnla	109	+10	...	1.3	...
3.11	Cardiff Prop	120	...	2.4	2.7	54.6
43.80	Chesterfield	228	+12	18.5	...	16.2
3.55	City Site Est	23	+ 3	1.4	...	...
2.47	Clarke Nickolls	12	...	0.1	...	3.0
4.23	Clayform	12	+ 1	...	...	...
134.10	Daejan	825	+ 5	25.0	4.1	12.9
2.32	Dares Estates	1½	...	...	...	...
19.10	Debenham Twsn	80	+ 6	2.5	5.6	22.9
1.89	De Morgan	4	...	...	...	...
13.70	Dencora	78	...	5.5	9.4	...
28.90	Derwent Hldgs	288	...	8.6	4.3	11.7
10.30	Estates Agency	170 †	-57½	3.0	2.4	15.6
3.56	Estates Grp	26	...	3.7	...	6.2
93.40	Evans Of Leeds	141	+ 2	4.1	3.9	11.9
7.03	Five Oaks	15	+ 1	...	...	...
2.52	Fletcher King	30	...	1.0	4.5	21.1
101.30	Frogmore	291	- 4	15.0	6.9	15.2
19.70	Grainger	99	- 1	5.2	7.4	-
284.70	Gt Portland	123	- 1	10.0	10.8	12.7
7.46	Greycoat	8½	...	5.2	...	...
2,374.80	HK Land	107	+ 9	...	6.7	18.0
121.50	Hambro Cntrw	37	- 5	0.0	0.2	...
105.30	Hammerson	360	- 3	10.0	4.6	10.3
347.40	-do- 'A'	346	- 5	10.0	5.0	12.8
26.70	Helical Bar	141	+14	4.0	3.8	...
10.90	Hemingway	30	...	...	...	...
18.60	Herring Baker	103	-25	7.0	9.1	...
2.06	Jermyn	145	-30	1.5	1.4	...
2,237.10	Land Sec	443	- 3	21.7	6.5	13.4
180.70	Lon Merch Sec	75	+ 1	3.8	6.8	11.4
0.99	Lon & Metro	1½	...	...	...	...
1.78	Lon Securities	1	...	...	...	...
1,676.90	MEPC	355	+ 6	20.0	8.0	14.0
3.91	McInerney▲	8½	+ 1½	...	...	...
28.60	McKay Secs	105	- 1	6.7	8.8	9.8
6.72	Markheath	5½	...	0.5	12.1	...
1.73	Merivale Mre	12½	+ ½	1.0	10.7	...
1.32	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
3.74	Moorfield Est	34	...	...	8.4	...
40.90	Mountview	835	+35	18.0	2.9	8.5
4.32	Mowat▲	7½	...	...	...	...
112.30	Mucklow (A&J)	115	+ 2	5.8	6.0	15.0
6.44	New Cavendish	40	...	...	...	24.6
6.14	Ossory Est	6½	+ ½	0.1	2.0	2.0
18.60	Power Corp	10	...	...	18.1	1.6
115.30	Prop Security	95	+ ½	3.7	5.3	18.6
5.80	Property Trust	31	+ 1	...	...	...
3.49	Raglan	2	...	...	...	...
13.50	Regalian	11½	+ ½	1.5	17.4	2.3
9.38	Rosehaugh	7 #	...	...	...	...
16.20	Rowlinson Secs	130	- 5	1.3	1.4	27.7
22.80	St Modwen Prp	19½	+ ½	0.5	3.8	11.7
15.50	Savills	42	+ 2	...	...	...
34.00	Scot Met	35	- 1	1.5	5.7	...
9.49	Shaftesbury	38	- 1	...	...	...
0.48	Shield	5	...	...	...	...
1.96	Sinclair Gldsm	18	+ 1	0.5	3.7	...
428.30	Slough Estates	151	+ 3	8.1	7.2	8.5
51.50	Southend Prop	56 †	+ ½	4.1	10.0	29.2
3.88	Speyhawk	15	+ 2½	...	...	...
28.30	Stanhope Prps▲	17	- 5	...	...	...
80.00	Town Centre	70	...	3.1	5.2	15.4
28.70	Trafford Park	43	...	2.5	8.0	11.6
0.66	UK Land	14	+ 6	...	...	...
7.34	Union Square	4	...	...	...	...
88.50	Warner	182	+ 2	10.0	7.3	17.2
75.60	Warnford	197	- 3	7.2	5.0	13.5
1.75	Waterglade	8	...	...	...	-
43.80	Wates	36½	+ 1	3.7	13.6	9.2
3.53	Wood John Dv	43	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
0.66	Automagic▲	12	...	...	...	...
21.60	Headlam	92	+ 1	2.4	3.5	36.4
21.80	Lambert	365	+35	12.5	4.6	9.5
17.30	Pittard Garnar	80	...	1.5	2.5	10.6
42.60	Strong & Fisher	25	+ 3	1.0	5.3	7.0
21.60	Stylo	113	+24	2.5	2.9	...

TEXTILES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
119.00	Allied Text	419	+ 8	12.3	3.9	15.0
7.33	Beckman (A)	60	...	4.7	10.6	11.9
2.45	Bolton Gp	26	+ 1	...	...	13.2
18.50	Br Mohair	142	+ 1	8.5	8.0	11.2
22.70	Celestion	93	+ 4	1.2	1.7	...
1.25	Chartwell▲	20	+ 5	0.4	2.7	...
135.80	Claremont Ga	337	+36	...	1.5	23.2
572.70	Courtauld Text	367	+10	13.0	3.1	16.7
357.70	Dawson	238	+ 1	9.0	5.0	23.2
4.06	Drummond	25	...	1.5	...	7.7
2.48	Dunkeld	33	- 2½	...	...	...
5.41	Foupal▲	68 †	+ 4	...	9.6	6.7
2.97	Foster (John)	25	+ 2	0.3	2.0	...
4.13	Gaskell	85	...	8.5	...	...
26.50	Hicking Pntcst	161	+ 5	3.4	2.8	13.7
3.62	Jerome (S)	48	...	1.0	...	...
80.60	Lamont	269	+20	...	5.9	13.2
64.00	Leeds	533	+ 1	11.0	2.8	17.2
5.27	Lister	32	+17	0.1	0.4	...
8.72	Lyles (S)	120	+ 9	4.9	5.4	13.6
5.30	Parkland 'A'	75 †	+ 8	2.0	3.6	...
165.50	Readicut	87	+ 5	3.4	5.3	17.3
1.44	SEET	36	...	...	...	...
39.00	Sirdar	73	+ 1	5.1	9.4	12.7
44.60	Stirling Gp	51	+ 4	1.6	4.3	21.2
33.40	Stoddard	51	+ 1	2.6	6.9	11.6
18.20	Tomkinsons	292	+42	11.5	5.3	-
4.64	West Trust	3½	...	0.2	9.5	...
13.10	Yorklyde	270	+19	9.7	4.9	12.6

TOBACCOS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
14,521.60	BAT	980	- 3	33.6	4.6	25.9
3,720.80	Rothmans 'B'	615	-36	10.2	2.2	14.1

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
682.20	Assoc Br Ports	365	- 7	8.0	2.9	78.2
3,789.70	BAA	746	-41	14.5	2.6	13.2
2,060.00	Br Airways	278	-30½	10.1	4.9	7.4
18.30	Clarkson (H)	80	+12	8.0	...	3.5
26.30	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
954.80	Eurotunnel Uts	358	+10	...	...	...
10.80	Fisher (James)	46	...	5.5	...	12.3
11.00	Graig	138 †	+ 2	4.5	4.4	...
22.10	IoM Steam	147	...	...	6.8	7.1
6.91	Jacobs (JI)	30	- 1	1.8	8.4	17.9
6.80	Lon O'Seas Frs	43	...	1.2	3.0	2.6
52.00	Manchstr Sh	1300	-12½	4.5	0.5	5.1
177.30	Mersey Docks	295	+15	6.0	2.7	18.3
1,565.00	NFC	283	+ 8½	...	3.1	22.2
305.30	Ocean Group	257	+12	14.3	7.4	11.6
17.10	Ocean Wilson	43	...	...	8.2	9.6
3,032.60	P & O Dfd	537	+32½	30.5	7.6	18.9
86.60	P & O 5 1/2%	130	- 1	...	5.6	...
326.30	Powell Duffryn	487	+23	22.6	6.2	19.5
11.70	Seacon▲	120	+ 3	...	4.7	8.5
43.00	TIP Europe	29½	+ ½	1.4	7.3	6.2
180.90	TNT	32	+ 4	...	...	...
275.40	Tibbet & Britn	633	+ 9	...	2.3	25.3
400.80	Tiphook	365 †	+10	17.1	6.3	7.2
409.90	TDG	280	+ 9	9.5	4.5	16.8

WATER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,430.80	Anglian Water	485 †	- 6	19.3	5.3	8.8
394.60	Northumbrian	580	+ 5	20.3	4.6	6.1
1,710.00	North West	479	+ 2½	19.6	5.5	8.4
1,622.40	Severn Trent	457	- 3	19.3	5.6	8.7
771.30	Sthrn Water	470 †	+ 1	19.5	5.5	8.3
66.10	Sth Staffs	1230	...	[illegible]	5.5	8.3
607.90	South West	491	+ 5	40.2	4.4	8.0
1,919.50	Thames Water	486	+ 2	21.7	5.9	7.4
709.10	Welsh Water	533	+ 7	10.2	5.2	9.4
622.90	Wessex Water	533	+ 2	21.4	5.4	6.1
1,055.90	Yorkshire W	602 †	+12½	19.5	4.3	8.3

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; ‡ Ex capital distribution; – Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

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Report bites back to tame the power of watchdogs

■ Regulators are under fire as they boost competition for privatised utilities

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

A REPORT arguing for the powers of the "overmighty" regulators of privatised utilities to be curbed adds fuel to the fiery debate over the future of regulation in Britain.

The report, *The Future of Industry Regulation in the UK*, from the European Policy Forum and published today, says privatised utilities are suffering from unabated over-regulation. It is extremely critical of the way in which regulation of the watchdogs is personalised; by Sir James McKinnon at Ofgas, the gas regulator; Professor Stephen Littlechild, at Offer, the electricity regulator; and at Oftel, the telecommunications regulator until recently headed by Sir Bryan Carsberg, the director-general of the Office of Fair Trading.

The report paints a sorry picture of deteriorating relationships between regulators and the regulated companies; uncertainty over future policy and investment decisions; confusion over accountability and inadequate consultation and appeal systems.

It comes as the relationship between British Gas and Ofgas has sunk to an all-time low, and one that led last year to a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. BT has laid some of the blame for the downturn in its profits at the door of the tight regulatory environment imposed by Oftel.

Cento Veljanovski, author of the report, is the former research and editorial director at the Institute of Economic Affairs.

His report argues that there is "an urgent need for reform of the regulatory system to create a stable environment within which the management of the utilities can manage, the investors can invest without unexpected and unexplained reductions in their expected wealth and consumers can be protected from high prices and poor service".

Dr Veljanovski says utility regulators, including Ofgas, Offer and Oftel, "are following unfair procedures, taking unpredictable decisions and relying excessively on the personal styles and discretionary powers of their heads".

He says that investors in privatised utilities are being treated unfairly as regulatory change moves the goal posts under which they invested.

The report argues that the regulatory system should be rationalised, with Ofgas and Offer merged into a new Office of Energy. It calls for a more open and accountable two-tier system, with reduced powers of regulators to amend utility licences; and increased responsibility for the MMC to act as a court of appeal against regulators' decisions and to determine all significant licence modifications. Dr Veljanovski also argues that customers should be given the right to sue electricity, gas or water companies that breach regulatory requirements; companies should be able to put their case at public hearings before new regulations are made; and regulators should agree a joint statement with the Office of Fair Trading and the MMC setting out the relationship between regulation and competition and the way utility performance will be measured.

He calls for parliamentary accountability to be strengthened by a new regulated industries select committee to which regulators would report each year; and calls for regulators to be subjected to an annual review and report by the National Audit Office.

Dr Veljanovski says concurrent powers of the trade secretaries in different industries vary considerably. He says that accountability to the trade secretary is important, but raises the spectre of political interference in regulatory decisions. "These concurrent powers should be rationalised and in the case of electricity reduced."

A spokesman for British Gas said: "We generally support the views that are expressed."

Oftel, Ofgas and Offer responded that the regulators are appointed by the trade secretary and the policy of the way they act is defined by parliament.

Top dogs: from left, Stephen Littlechild, Sir Bryan Carsberg and Sir James McKinnon

REPORTING THIS WEEK

Market seeks a recovery pointer from Dixons

DIXONS Group, Britain's biggest electrical goods retailer, chaired by Stanley Kalms, is expected to show some evidence of a recovery in UK sales when it unveils first-half results on Wednesday.

The company is forecast to report seasonally weak pre-tax profits of £21.5 million (£17.5 million), according to Nick Bubb at Morgan Stanley, the American securities house. Market forecasts range from £17 million to £21.5 million. Mr Bubb's forecast includes about £7 million of property development profits.

Analysts are looking for a 5 per cent rise in UK like-for-like sales from the group's town-centre stores, with a rise of about 10 per cent at its out-of-town superstores.

The results do not include the all-important Christmas period, so all eyes will focus on any comments that Dixons, which also has a retailing arm in America and a European property business, may make on Christmas trading. A cautiously optimistic statement is likely from Mr Kalms. Mr Bubb thinks Dixons should enjoy "at least" 10 per cent like-for-like growth at Christmas, with a strong performance from computer games.

Silo, the American electrical and household appliance business, presents problems for Dixons. Losses are predicted to grow to at least £12 million (£11 million loss). Dixons is still thought to face a tough time in turning Silo around, but slow economic recovery in America should help. Interest receipts should climb to about £6.5 million (£4.8 million).

Christmas news awaited: Stanley Kalms of Dixons

TODAY

Tomkins, Greg Hutchings' industrial conglomerate, which recently won control of Ranks Hovis McDougall, should report a modest advance in interim pre-tax profits to about £46 million (£43.7 million), according to UBS Phillips & Drew. Market forecasts range from £46 million to £50 million.

The group, which made a £672 million rights issue last year to help finance its £935 million agreed bid for RHM, is expected to confirm that it is seeing growing recovery in America, although the UK is likely to be flat. The interim numbers will be largely academic, with analysts more concerned to hear about initial progress at RHM.

Ellis & Everard, the chemicals distributor, is expected to turn in slightly lower first half pre-tax profit of between £6.5 million and £7 million (£7.5 million). The dividend should be held at 2.25p.

Interims: Carclo Engineering, Ellis & Everard, Hadleigh Industries, Mitie Group, Tomkins.
Finals: Treatt.
Economic statistics: Credit business (November).

TOMORROW

Interims: Barbour Index, Dalepak Foods, Howden Group, Jacques Vert, Nobo Group, West Tst.
Finals: Burndene Invs, Dewhurst.
Economic statistics: Finished steel consumption and stock changes (third quarter), producer price index numbers (December).

WEDNESDAY

Full-year profits at **First Leisure**, the bowling to discos group that owns the Blackpool Tower, are expected to show a modest rise to up to £32 million (£30.4 million).

Interims: Aberforth Split Level Tst, Dixons Group, Dudley Jenkins Group, First Spanish Inv Tst, Smith (David S) Holdings.
Finals: First Leisure, Southern Business Group, Watson & Philip.
Economic statistics: Index of production and construction for Wales (third quarter).

THURSDAY

TSB Group starts the banks' reporting season, with the market anxiously awaiting improvement. One analyst said predicting TSB's results this time was "like trying to hit a moving target". NatWest Securities has pencilled in final pre-tax profits of £120 million, against a £47 million loss last time. Forecasts range from £62 million to £170 million.

TBS's operating profit is likely to remain low due to squeezed margins from a scramble to attract retail deposits, with the improvement largely reflecting lower bad debt provisions, particularly at TSB's Hill Samuel merchant banking arm.

A substantially stronger contribution from Cellnet should help **Securicor Group**, the security, parcels and communications group, to final pre-tax profits ahead to £59 million (£33 million), according to UBS Phillips & Drew. Forecasts range from £53 million to £59 million. **Security Services**, Securicor's 50.75 per cent subsidiary, is predicted to turn in final pre-tax profits of £40.5 million (£20.5 million), with forecasts ranging from £37 million to £41 million.

Rank Organisation, the leisure group, is expected to report lower final pre-tax profits of £238 million (£250.5 million), says NatWest Securities. Market forecasts range from £228 million to £246 million.

Interims: Baring Chrysalis Fund, Baring Puma Fund, Birkdale Group, Cray Electronics Holdings, First Spanish Inv Tst, Goode Durrant, Hampson Industries, Jones Stroud (Hldgs), Stanley Leisure Organ, Wyko Group.
Finals: Aberforth Smaller Co Tst, Denmans Electrical, Intercare, Microgen, Neotronics, Rank Organisation, Securicor Group, Security Services, TSB Group, Windsor.
Economic statistics: Details of employment, unemployment, earnings, prices and other indicators, quarterly analysis of bank advances (September - November), capital issues and redemptions (December), provisional figures of vehicle production (December).

FRIDAY

Interims: British Bloodstock Agency.
Finals: First National Finance, LPA Industries.
Economic statistics: Usable steel production (December), retail prices index and tax and price index (December).

PHILIP PANGALOS

WORD-WATCHING

JERKWATER
(b) A train on a branch railway. US slang from jerk: "The Santa Fe was the jerkwater Line — because train crews, when the water got low, form a bucket brigade and jerk water from the stream to fill the tender tank."

ANGIOMA
(b) A tumour produced by dilation or new formation of blood-vessels, hence angiomatous, from the Greek aggeion a vessel + -oma: " The angiomata, or vascular tumours, are tumours consisting of blood vessels held together by connective tissue." "A man of 53 had an angioma of the spinal cord and a neurogenic bladder."

PROPOSITA
(c) A female propositus, a female individual who was the first member of a family to come to the notice of a researcher, and through whom investigation of a pedigree began, from the Latin proponere to put in front of: "The proposita presented as a profoundly retarded, 21-year-old girl with poor posture."

TOATOA
(c) The celery pine, from the Maori name: "Toatoa, of the natives of New Zealand, is an unpublished species of the Phyllocladus." " The toatoa is much prized by the natives for walking-sticks."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
The correct exchanging sequence is 1 Rxd8! Rxd8 2 Bxc3, leaving white with an overwhelming material advantage.

Yields to rise — barring the unlikely

For yields on long gilts not to be higher a year from now, there will have to be an unlikely combination of events. German real yields will have to be below 3½ per cent, prospective underlying UK inflation will need to be below 4 per cent — within 1 per cent of that likely in Germany — and the margin between real UK and German yields will have to fall heavily from the 1½ per cent now.

Historically, real bond yields have averaged more than 3½ per cent. That is nominal yields have been 3½ per cent above our calculations of expected inflation. Now, with heavy German demand for funds to finance development in eastern Germany, it is difficult to see real yields on long bunds staying for any length of time below this long-term average, and that this will remain an international benchmark for real bond yields.

The second factor, prospective inflation, is more unclear. There is always a danger at the end of a recessionary phase to look at the future through rose-tinted glasses and ignore the fact that recovery leads to higher inflation. There are now signs of recovery. It has been argued we now have a secular trend of falling inflation superimposed on the cyclical recovery, so inflationary dangers are modest. It is true that, when sterling was in the ERM, there was a reasonable chance convergence pressures would prevent any significant pick-up in inflation once the economy recovered. But now sterling is free from the ERM, these convergence pressures will be much weaker. Forecasts that there will be no big rise in inflation as the economy recovers contrast sharply with previous recoveries. They depend on any wage increases being largely offset by productivity rises and also that the fall in sterling leads to only small import price rises. In our view, the risks are heavily weighted against this optimistic scenario. Inflation is likely to remain low only if the recovery is very weak. Despite the government's relaxed view over the need for more action to stimulate the economy, it is likely to change if the recovery fails to gather momentum. In the end, the economy will pick up. Whatever happens the more buoyant economy would throw much doubt on the flatness of domestically induced inflation. We are thus pessimistic on UK inflation once this year's favourable special factors no longer affect the figures. By next year we expect underlying UK inflation to be significantly more than 1 per cent above Germany's.

> 'By next year we expect Britain's underlying inflation will be significantly more than 1 per cent above that in Germany'

The third factor is the margin between real yields on gilts and bunds. On the basis of both current and end-1993 prospective inflation, this is 1½ per cent, back to the level of the early 1980s. As inflation became more stable between 1986 and 1989, this positive real yield spread vanished, coinciding with downwards pressure on yields due to the Bank of England buying in gilts. But now there is a return to very large funding and with the inflation outlook much more uncertain, a significant positive real yield spread is likely for some time.

Gross issues of gilts over the year are likely to average over £1 billion a week, equivalent to nearly 50 per cent more than the cash flow of the main UK institutions. To find sufficient buyers, either international investors will have to return as gilts buyers in a big way, or UK institutions will have to sell sizable amounts of other, mainly overseas, investments. Either way, gilts will need to become very attractive relative to bunds.

In summary, the weight of argument is gilt yields will be higher in a year's time. We expect yields on ten-year stocks then to be more than 9 per cent against 8.3 per cent now.

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NatWest Capital Markets

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5385 (+0.0235)
German mark
2.5247 (+0.0727)
Exchange index
81.8 (+2.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2176.8 (-8.4)
FT-SE 100
2799.2 (-47.3)
New York Dow Jones
3251.67 (-49.44)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
16634.69 (n/a)

GILTS & FIXED INTEREST

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)					
600	Fund 6% 1993	99⅝	-⅛	6.02	6.32
900	Treas 9¾% 1993	100⅝	-⅛	8.24	6.79
1,850	Treas 10% 1993	100⅝	-⅛	9.82	6.80
1,100	Treas 12½% 1993	103¼ †	-⅛	12.13	6.53
1,085	Treas 13¾% 1993	105⅝	-⅛	12.98	6.59
2,100	Treas 8% 1994	101⅝	-⅛	8.34	6.83
1,900	Treas 9% 1994	103⅞	...	8.67	6.75
1,900	Treas 10% 1994	104⅝	-⅛	9.57	6.65
1,240	Exch 12¾% 1994	108⅝	-⅛	11.51	6.77
1,100	Exch 13¾% 1994	108⅝	-⅛	12.46	6.69
550	Treas 14¼% 1994	108⅝	-⅛	13.37	6.68
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	94½	+⅛	3.18	5.47
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	102⅝	-⅛	9.52	6.90
2,350	Treas 12% 1995	109⅝ †	-⅛	10.95	6.90
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	114⅝	-⅛	11.12	6.98
750	Treas 9% 1992-96	107⅝ †	-⅛	8.99	7.07
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	109⅝	...	9.16	7.21
800	Exch 13¾% 1996	117⅝	-⅛	11.32	7.36
770	Treas 14% 1996	117⅝	-⅛	11.88	7.33
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	122⅝	-⅛	12.40	7.32
3,900	Exch 10¼% 1997	110⅝	-⅛	9.46	7.34
1,250	Treas 12¼% 1997	119⅝	-⅛	11.06	7.46
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)					
4,750	Treas 8¾% 1997	105⅝	....	8.28	7.26
850	Exch 15% 1997	129⅝	-⅛	11.60	7.58
1,100	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98⅝	+⅛	6.87	7.12
3,250	Exch 9¼% 1998	109⅝	+⅛	8.69	7.40
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	119⅝	-⅛	10.08	7.46
895	Treas 15¼% 1998	134⅝	-⅛	11.49	7.80
1,900	Treas 9¾% 1999	108⅝	-⅛	8.72	7.61
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	112⅝	-⅛	9.07	7.78
1,282	Treas 10¼% 1999	113⅝	-⅛	9.23	7.73
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	120⅝	-⅛	10.16	7.66
4,158	Conv 9% 2000	106½	-⅛	8.45	7.78
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	126½ †	-⅛	10.31	8.26
4,206	Treas 10% 2001	110⅝	-⅛	8.05	8.19
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	129⅝	-⅛	11.09	7.60
5,777	Treas 9¾% 2002	109⅝	-⅛	8.94	8.38
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	110⅝	-⅛	9.04	8.45
443	Fund 3½% 1999-04	68½ †	-⅛	5.10	7.64
3,012	Conv 9½% 2004	106⅝	-1⅛	8.88	8.54
1,620	Treas 11¾% 2001-04	117⅝	-⅛	9.80	8.49
4,842	Conv 9¾% 2005	107⅝	-⅛	8.87	8.55
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	125⅝	-1⅛	9.95	8.78
LONGS (over 15 years)					
1,900	Treas 8% 2002-06	95¾	-1½	8.37	8.58
2,897	Treas 8¾% 2007	98⅝	-1½	8.63	8.69
3,150	Treas 11¼% 2003-07	119¼ †	-1⅛	9.81	8.73
4,321	Treas 9% 2008	102¾	-1½	8.79	8.71
1,250	Treas 13¾% 2004-08	133⅝	-1⅛	10.15	8.80
1,300	Treas 8% 2009	93⅝	-1⅛	8.58	8.76
2,623	Conv 9% 2011	101⅝	-1⅛	8.94	8.80
1,000	Treas 9¼% 2009-12	71⅝	-⅛	7.74	8.56
700	Treas 9¾% 2012-15	80⅝	-1⅛	8.57	8.73
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	127⅝	-1⅛	9.43	9.05
UNDATED					
276	Consols 2½%	29⅝	-⅛	8.50	...
475	Treas 2½%	28⅝	-⅛	8.91	...
36	Treas 3%	34	-⅛	8.82	...
122	Conv 3½%	61⅝	-⅛	5.62	...
359	Consols 4%	44½ †	-⅛	8.96	...
1,009	War Ln 3½%	39⅝	-⅛	8.90	...
INDEX-LINKED					
500	Treas IL 2% 1994	132½	-⅛	0.07	2.15
1,100	Treas IL 2% 1996	195⅝	-⅛	2.07	2.75
1,250	Treas IL 2½% 2001	159⅝	-⅛	3.27	3.60
800	Treas IL 2½% 2003	155⅝	-⅛	3.39	3.66
1,350	Treas IL 2% 2006	160⅝	-⅛	3.51	3.73
1,250	Treas IL 2½% 2009	145⅝ †	-⅛	3.64	3.82
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2011	150⅝	-⅛	3.67	3.84
1,850	Treas IL 2½% 2013	122⅝	-⅛	3.69	3.85
1,950	Treas IL 2½% 2016	131⅝	-⅛	3.71	3.87
1,150	Treas IL 2½% 2020	126⅝	-⅛	3.76	3.89
1,050	Treas IL 2½% 2024	104½ †	-⅛	3.78	3.90

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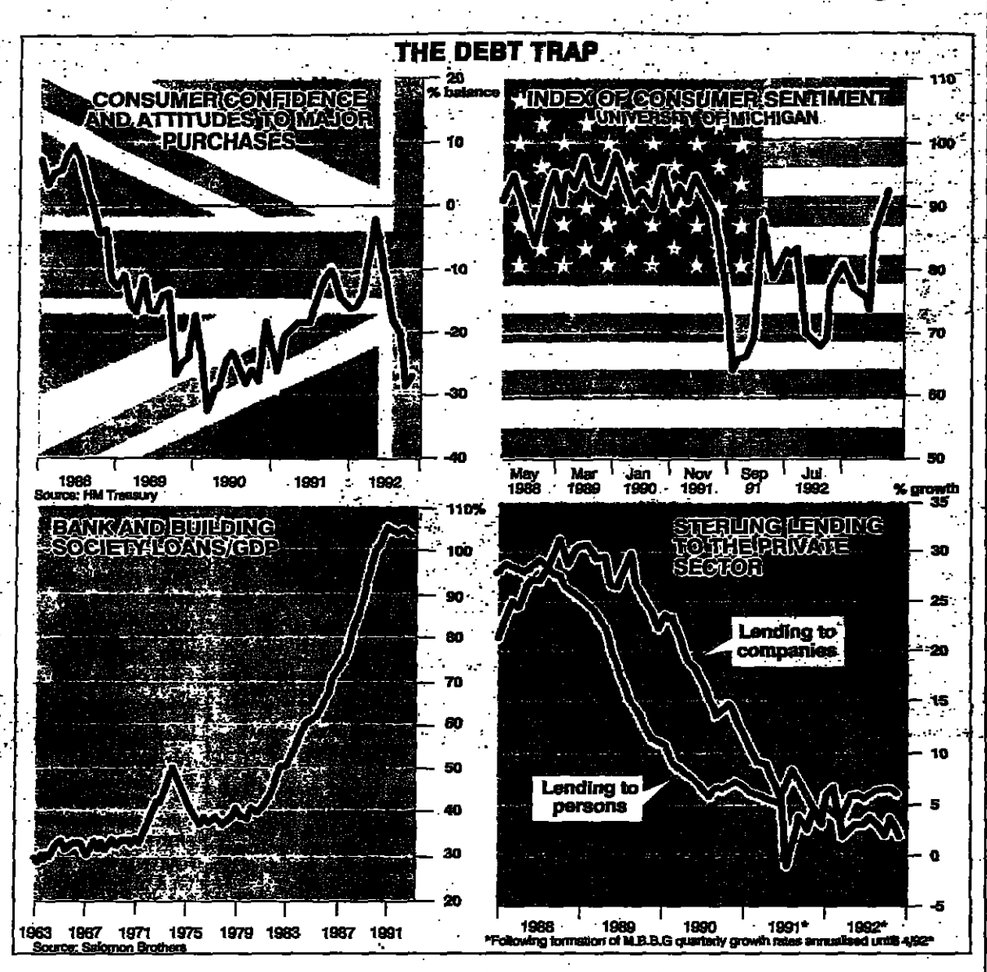
ECONOMIC VIEW

Double debt burden must not be allowed to crush recovery

Janet Bush suggests a way to help the economy by boosting sources of finance for both the government and the private sector



Moralists may well fume about Hill Samuel's decision to allow Scotland's largest construction company to fail for the sake of £2 million when the building industry is in deep distress and construction workers are contributing mightily to our lengthening dole queues. More pragmatic souls can debate the finer points about whether the bank made the right commercial decision. But as the Chancellor of the Exchequer returns to London after his weekend Budget pow-wow at Chevening, he might do well to ponder the broader effects of such risk-aversion by commercial banks on the progress of recovery.

Although much of the weekend will have been spent discussing the parlous state of public finances, he should spare a thought for the problems of *private* debt that are making banks so defensive.

There is a terrible chain reaction at work. As long as banks push companies into receivership for a few million pounds, companies will lack the means to invest, fear borrowing and resort to the quickest and easiest way of cutting their costs — shedding employees. However much more money is put into the pockets of potential consumers as mortgage rates fall, fear that they may lose their jobs means they will save. For the estimated one in ten homeowners with negative equity and little inflation in sight, that seems the only route out of debt.

The phrase "green shoots" has become almost nauseating through over-use and the attempt to spot them has become a national pastime that has obscured some salutory facts about the state of the economy. For example Britain's largest bank, Barclays, is expected in February to report its first annual loss and could even cut its dividend. Commercial banks are writing off nearly £700,000 of bad debts every hour, day and night.

Two years into recession, large companies are managing to pay back debt to some degree and cash flow has improved. Small and medium-sized companies are also paying back debt to a very small degree and their cash flow is deteriorating — the classic sign of a bank lending credit crunch. According to the British Chambers of Commerce, more firms are reporting limited credit availability as a factor hindering their business than when the recession began in the middle of 1990.

Individuals, too, are making disappointing financial progress. Despite large cuts in interest rates since their peak, the ratio of mortgage debt to owner-occupier assets has peaked at more than 30 per cent, reflecting further falls in house prices.

The truth is that the private sector still has a hangover after the borrowing excesses of the eighties, the banks are unwilling to share in their distress and risk their balance sheets further and the flow of finance that is the prerequisite for recovery is still no more than a trickle. The need to make sure credit was available for the recovery was paramount in the policy decisions of the American administration. Alan Greenspan, chairman of the US Federal Reserve, well understood, when he embarked on aggressive interest rate cuts two years ago, that the health of the banking sector and its willingness to lend, even to riskier prospects, was crucial to recovery. Those predicting an apocalypse in the American banking system have looked on in wonder. Banks reported record net income in each of the first three quarters last year and the losses faced by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation are estimated at $4.6 billion, $10 billion less than the FDIC had anticipated. Most promising for America is that after six quarters of decline, the total of bank loans and leases has finally turned upwards. Renewed availability of credit coupled with lower interest bills will ensure the slow recovery of America's corporate sector. And as job cuts stabilise, consumers will feel more confident and spend anew.

The healing process is slow, however. The Conference Board, which tracks consumer behaviour, says there is still only an "incidental willingness" to take on credit among individuals, still nothing like the cyclical increases normally associated with recovery from recession. America is on the mend but, despite a huge devaluation, 3 per cent short-term interest rates and a psychological wave of confidence since Bill Clinton was elected president, the process is only just starting. That is worrying for Britain, where confidence in government policy is chronically low, where the devaluation has been more limited and where, says the Chancellor, interest rates will hold at 7 per cent. The fragile financial state of Britain's private sector is probably justification alone for lower interest rates.

Monetarists and Keynesians alike are deeply worried about prospects. There are mounting worries that market interest rates will start rising again as the government struggles to finance the public sector borrowing requirement. The PSBR is likely to hit between 7 and 8 per cent of gross domestic product, against about 4 per cent in America. Although Britain has the advantage over America of a burgeoning pool of private savings, it is important that at least a good proportion of those savings are available to companies as the recovery gets under way rather than be poured into the government's deficit.

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The government's need to borrow an estimated £1 billion a week during fiscal 1993-4 is bound to crowd out other borrowers. Money is likely to come out of the equity market in search of higher gilt-edged yields and, once companies are brave enough to borrow again, they may find good value finance is not readily available elsewhere.

There is an obvious solution. Banks have the capital and say they have the lending capacity to make loans. But demand for credit remains low and those who desperately need finance — Scotland's Lilley among them — are thought too risky. Meanwhile, the government needs to find new, reliable sources of money to finance the deficit. The answer is for the government to borrow from banks. That is not happening because, under the government's "full funding" rule, sales of gilt-edged stock to banks do not count as funding. Conversely, gilts are not designed to match bank liabilities and lending to the public sector is only 3 per cent of total lending, against 40 per cent in 1970. In America, funding the deficit has been helped by huge bank purchases of Treasury bonds. Holdings have almost doubled since 1989, the difference, says Professor Tim Congdon, between recession and recovery.

The argument for ending full funding is compelling. In the absence of lower interest rates, banks would at least be able to enhance their loan portfolios by including safe sovereign lending, and with a steepening yield curve make a tidy profit. The government would tap a whole new source of finance.

Importantly for the economy at large, if banks were to become big purchasers of gilts, less money would be sucked out of other parts of the capital markets, such as equities, and companies would have a better chance of raising money.

In other words, the Chancellor may well be advised to solve his own cash flow problems and help get the flow of money through the economy going again by resorting to much more frequent use of his Access card.

TSB's woes deter bidders

TSB is in a mess and there seems no end to its tribulations. Last week's local difficulties — the national strike by its staff and a controversial decision to pull the plug on Lilley, Scotland's largest construction group, — have rekindled takeover speculation. Such suggestions ignore three fundamental flaws in the bank that are likely to scare off potential bidders.

The largest millstone around TSB's neck is Hill Samuel. The merchant bank is still barely profitable even before one considers its leviathan bad debts. The bank is hacking back its loan book, good and bad, but the process will take years, even if bad debts are hived off into a new management unit. The remaining bank will be little more than a corporate finance boutique, and unlikely for the foreseeable future to earn an adequate return on its £900 million capital.

The retail bank is also less attractive than takeover pundits would allow. TSB's customer base has remained doggedly downmarket and it has already been raked over many times by the bank's successful life assurance. The branches are often badly sited and would not merge easily with another British clearer.

The final counterweight to takeover rumours is TSB's size. A successful bidder for the bank would have to offer at least £3 billion. Very few international banks have those sort of resources any more.

This week promises no let-up in the gloom as the group announces year-end results. The grim words of Sir Nicholas Goodison, the chairman, in a recent interview suggested that the group made losses in the second half as bad debt provisions rolled on.

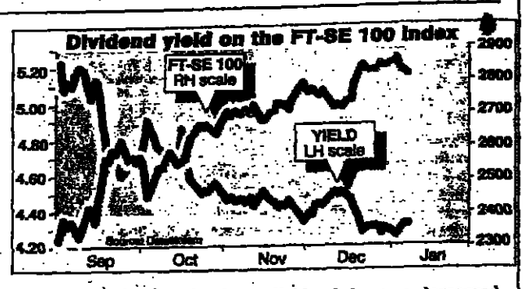
For now, TSB should be valued on fundamentals, and they look shaky. Shareholders should leave wish fulfilment to jaded market-makers.

Dividends

RECENT stock market gains have cut the historic yield on the FT-SE 100 index to a three-year low of 4.3 per cent, compared with more than 5.1 per cent before Black Wednesday, but there are still stocks around offering seemingly attractive payouts.

Some are candidates for a dividend cut in their year-end figures, including Rolls-Royce and Barclays, whose historic yields of 8.1 per cent and 7.6 per cent show the market is already discounting a sharp fall in their distributions.

The income from others looks more secure. Land Securities is still offering 6.6 per cent even though it has the resources to maintain its dividend for years while the commercial property market recovers. Hanson has been languishing since its bid for RHM failed and yields 6.4 per cent.



Perhaps the most interesting member of this band is ICI, on 6.7 per cent. Fears persist about the group's ability to maintain a 55p dividend in any demerged form, but ICI could not ask institutions to support such a complex manoeuvre with the promise of lower income.

An old City adage says buy ICI when it yields more than 6 per cent. This will cheer investors who think the market will rise despite the threat of rights issues.

Hanson

THE sale of Gold Fields Mining Corporation makes Hanson's break-up of Consolidated Gold Fields largely complete. But the operation has not been the financial bonanza his lordship hoped for when he bought the company for £3.5 billion in 1989.

The disposal of ConsGold assets has raised about £2.2 billion, including the latest £330 million gold-for-coal swap. Few of the deals have brought in cash, however, but have involved complex asset swapping and juggling. As a result, Hanson has bought £1.7 billion of other assets, mainly coal mines and North American forest.

The disposals have been dogged by the recession and the fall in the gold price, which has steadily eroded the value of Gold Fields. Hanson is still keen to sell the 40 per cent stake in Renison Goldfields, but it is unlikely to raise more than £100 million even if it can find a buyer.

This leaves Amey Roadstone as Hanson's only remaining ConsGold asset, at an effective cost of £1.2 billion. That looks pricey for part of a division that made profits of only £8.1 million last year. This should not detract from the merits of the latest deal. Anyone who sells gold assets in the current climate is doing well, and the new coal mines should enhance the group's earnings and cash flow almost immediately.

Union Discount

IF Cater Allen, Crédit Lyonnais or anyone else is really planning to buy Union Discount, they should make their mind up soon. Eight weeks have passed since the bombed-out firm announced it was in bid talks. There has been only eerie silence since.

Perhaps the potential buyer should think again. Union had net assets of only £42 million at the end of June, after it reported a half-year loss of £14.8 million. A combination of further losses, property writedowns and other provisions may have cut this to as little as £30 million in the second half.

Admittedly, this still leaves net assets per share of more than 150p, a healthy premium to the share price, although any bidder should question their quality. The reputation of the core money market activities has been badly shaken by the group's ill-fated foray into the leasing business, and will be feeling the pinch due to the decline in assets.

Union's most successful subsidiaries are Aitken Campbell and Winterflood Securities, its market-makers, but both depend on the continuing goodwill of their management and they may not relish the prospect of being bought and sold.

Perhaps Union's bidder is wisely waiting until the firm releases its full-year results before it reveals its identity. Before then, it should ask itself one question: what is it actually buying?

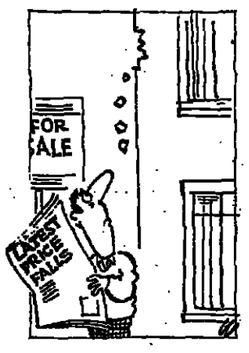
Gilt-edged

NORMAN Lamont will face near unanimous pressure for interest rate cuts when he meets his panel of seven wise men tomorrow for their first session. Most want base rates at least a point lower at 6 per cent to ensure recovery. They will be ignored. The Chancellor knows he has to peddle £1 billion of gilts each week to balance his books. A cut to 5 per cent would kill his chances. No fund manager in the world would buy straight fixed-rate paper when he knows the next move in interest rates is upwards.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Pöhl's a swinger

THE tumble of the mark and sterling's rise last week were being attributed, in informed City circles, to behind the scenes talks by broker Richard "don't mention my firm" Stancomb. A *bon viveur* and one of the City's more colourful characters, he has just returned from a new year skiing holiday in St Moritz, where after an arduous morning on the slopes with two German friends, he joined them and a friend for luncheon in an expensive restaurant. After they had removed their boots, bobble hats and goggles, Stancomb realised the new-found fourth member of their party was none other than Karl Otto Pöhl, past president of the Bundesbank. "I had no idea who he was for a couple of hours," says Stancomb. "He was a much better skiier than us but it was only when he removed his hat and goggles that I recognised him." Stancomb, a specialist in selling UK stocks to Germany, says he and Pöhl swapped jokes — "he has an excellent sense of humour" — and Pöhl then offered to pay the stiffish bill. "I told him I didn't feel the least bit guilty about him paying since sterling was 10 per cent undervalued and the mark 20 per cent overvalued."



Close to home

FIDELITY Brokerage, one of the world's largest retail discount brokers, has appointed a former Kleinwort Benson Securities director to spearhead its entry into the European institutional brokerage market. Laurie Faulkner, 41, joined last week as a senior vice president. Fidelity has decided to enter the European market after the success of Fidelity Capital Markets, its US operation, whose market share has grown from 1 per cent to 4 per cent in two years. "We are convinced that the time is right for a similar business to be developed for the UK and continental European institutional investor," says Faulkner from Fidelity's Tonbridge, Kent, office. Faulkner has worked in the securities industry for 20 years and previous employers include Phillips & Drew and Savory Milln. He is now able to drive to work for the first time, from his home near Maidstone, Kent, and says he appreciates the luxury of an extra half hour in bed.

Knox aboard

LESLEY Knox, the first woman to join the board of the Bank of Scotland, is, at 39, almost 20 years younger than the 14 other directors, who include BR's Sir Bob Reid. Knox, appointed a non-executive director last week, is a director of Kleinwort Benson Investment Management and chairman of Kleinwort Benson International Investment Ltd. She joined KB in 1981 as a corporate finance executive, after a year with Shearman & Sterling in New York where she passed her New York State Bar Exams. She went on to become a KB director in 1986, and was a finalist for Business Woman of the Year in 1987. Knox — married to KB's Scandinavian expert, Brian Knox, says her relationship with Bank of Scotland goes back a long way. It was, she says, the first institution in which she owned shares, and she attended the annual meeting at the tender age of 16.

CAROL LEONARD

Power price system inhibits market

From Mr Michael Hell

Sir, Now that Professor Littlechild has acknowledged the inadequacy of competition in electricity supply and there is talk of demand-side bidding to offer positive rewards for load management, it is perhaps time to reconsider the basic feature of the single pool which will continue to inhibit the development of the market. This is the principle of paying for all units bought at the highest accepted bid.

This ensures that the price of electricity in any half hour is set unpredictably by the marginal demand of the last consumer and inhibits the generators from entering into arrangements with their customers that recognise the value of different loads, profiles and combinations, so guaranteeing the operation of certain plant to the possible exclusion of competitors.

Until it is possible for a generator to lose his shirt, there will be no true market and no reduction in electricity prices. But this was never the objective of the privatisation cosily arranged between the industry and the civil service, with the consumer ignored until too late.

Just as a sardine is a whale that has gone through all the processes of communism, so a shark is a sardine that has gone through all the processes of privatisation.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL G. HELL,
159 Russell Road,
Moseley,
Birmingham.

Confusion reigns over VAT in Europe

From Ms Carol Speed

Sir, I should be most grateful if someone could explain how VAT is going to be administered within the single market. I have today tried to ascertain whether invoices for services either to or from Europe should carry VAT. Simple question? Not so. My accountant said "definitely not" and my German partner said "yes, VAT has to be included".

In my confusion, I rang a VAT office, who said, "ring your local office, they will know". I did, and they didn't. I was passed around various offices and eventually came, on my seventh attempt, to the Enquiry Office. They said, after deliberation, "we don't think you do, but we'll send you the booklet". This is the same booklet which has left the Enquiry Office uncertain.

As head of a small company and an unpaid tax collector, subject to heavy fines if I get it wrong, can somebody please tell me how this is going to operate?

Yours faithfully,
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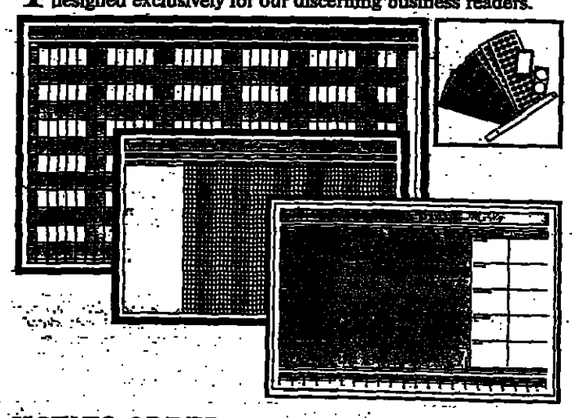

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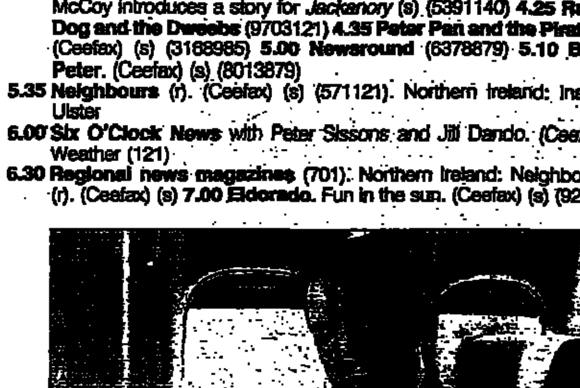


Holidays: Simon Walton reads between the lines (7.30pm)

7.30 Watchdog
● CHOICE: In the latest of a series of *Watchdog* specials, Simon Walton explores some of the hidden hazards of the holiday business. Walton calls his report "the alternative travel brochure". It is also a riposte to the BBC's own *Holiday* series, which occupies this slot tomorrow. While *Holiday* continues to present a glowing picture of lazy days in sun and surf, Walton offers more disturbing material. For a start there is a horrifying look at the lack of fire protection at eight Algarve hotels. The conclusion is that only one would meet British standards. And did you know that ten Britons break their necks each year diving into shallow, unmarked swimming pools? The programme concludes in Miami, where tourists are robbed at the rate of 130 a month. *Holiday* covered Miami last week, but mugging was relegated to a coded footnote. (Ceefax) (985)
8.00 Grace and Favour. Feeble comedy in which the former staff of Grace Brothers run a country hotel (Ceefax) (s) (5695)
8.30 Punch Drunk: Rumble in the Dunghill. In Clayton Moore's boxing comedy, Hance (John Kazek) disappears, while his manager Vinnie (Kenny Ireland) organises a re-match. (Ceefax) (7430)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather (9256)
9.30 Panorama: The Great Pit Disaster. The fate of 30,000 British miners rests on tomorrow's publication by the government of its review on pit closures. Julian O'Halloran reports (181817)
10.10 Film '93 with Barry Norman. This week's film reviews include *Sarafina* starring Whoopi Goldberg, *Man Trouble* with Jack Nicholson and Ellen Barkin, and the black comedy, *Man Bites Dog* (s) (847343). Northern Ireland: Art on Film (847343)
10.40 Cagney and Lacey: Easy Does It. New York police drama starring Tyne Daly and Sharon Gless (r). (Ceefax) (s) (693362). Northern Ireland: Rare Breeds (250463); 10.55 Film '93 with Barry Norman (548362); 11.25 Cagney and Lacey (201102). Wales: 10.40 Face Off; 11.10 Cagney and Lacey
11.30 Careering Ahead (r) (13362). Wales: 11.55-12.25am Careering Ahead **12.00 Weather** (5367034). Northern Ireland: 12.10-12.40am Careering Ahead (1824015)

BBC2

6.00 Breakfast News (4460527)
8.15 The Travel Show UK Mini Guides. Galloway (r) (7501237)
8.20 Zoo Vet. Peter Scott treats exotic animals at Winchester Zoo (r) (8662237) **8.50 A Week to Remember** (b/w) (5535256)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes (5454148)
2.00 News and weather followed by **Storytime** (r) (90043904)
2.15 The Mighty Leek. A *40 Minutes* documentary on champion leek-grower Harry Bone's fight to retain his title (r) (4170140)
3.00 News and weather (9396256) followed by **Songs of Praise** from Truro Cathedral (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5525169)
3.40 A Week to Remember (b/w) (as 8.50am) (8873481) **3.50 News,** regional news and weather (2473445)
4.00 Catchword. Paul Coia hosts the word game (s) (614)
4.30 Behind the Headlines with Jane Corbin (s) (898)
5.00 France a Million. The second of two documentaries about British companies in France (r) (7053)
5.30 Front Gardens. Gay Search presents the first of six programmes on how to improve a front garden (850)
6.00 The Addams Family (b/w). Ghoulish comedy (Ceefax) (905430)
6.25 Def II: Fresh Prince of Bel-Air. Carlton's (Alfonso Ribeiro) former girlfriend arrives with a baby (s) (824922)
6.50 Def II: Cyberzone. The comedian Craig Charles referees a high-tech virtual reality game-show (s) (246324)
7.20 The Name of the Room: Private Parts. In the second of four programmes about British homes, the architectural historian Dan Cruickshank describes how bedrooms and bathrooms were invented. (Ceefax) (489459)
8.00 Horizon: Cheating Time. A report on a new scientific advance *which could postpone the female menopause until the age of 70.* (Ceefax) (s) (891695)
8.50 Sean's Shorts. The comedian Sean Hughes is at one with nature on the Isle of Mull (206546)

Playing Monaco's gaming tables: Robert Lindsay (9.00pm)

9.00 Film: Loser Takes All (1989). Dull adaptation of the Graham Greene novella, screened to coincide with *Arena's* trilogy on the writer. Robert Lindsay stars as Bertram, an accountant who devises a mathematical system for beating the casinos. With Molly Ringwald and John Gielgud. Directed by James Scott (8805091)
10.20 10 x 10: Hardman. A bouncer's attitude to violence (363091)
10.30 Newsnight. Includes a look at the case of the Taylor sisters, serving life for murder (211817)
11.15 Culture Clash: Form and Formula
● CHOICE: In 1959 C.P. Snow delivered his famous lecture on the two cultures, in which he spoke of a growing divide between the sciences and the humanities. This three-part series, screened on consecutive nights, takes up Snow's thesis and considers how far it *still applies. Tonight's film prepares the ground by looking at the* unfavourable images of scientists, who are often portrayed (not least in the cinema) as being aloof, sinister or megalomaniac. It picks up Snow's social resentment that arts people tended to come from public schools, whereas scientists, like himself, did not. The more profound thought, aired by the writer Peter Ackroyd and others, is that artists and scientists are after the same thing, which is to find patterns and make sense of experience. The going is not always as easy as this summary might suggest (s) (348695)
11.55 Behind the Headlines (as 4.30pm) (s) (287140)
12.25am Weather (5368763). Ends at **12.35**

ITV LONDON

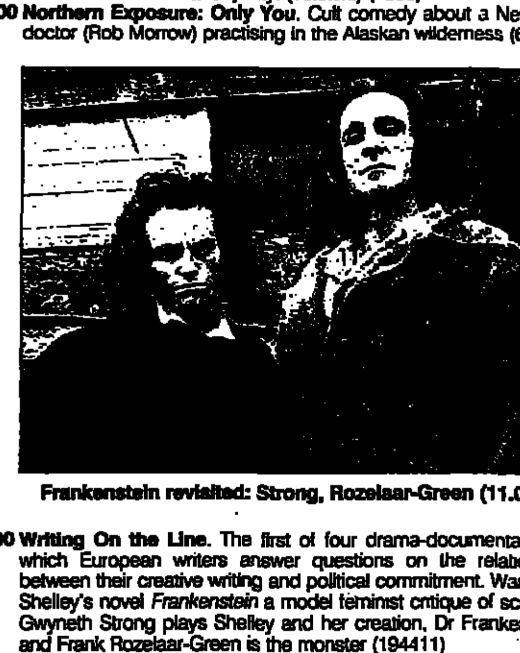
6.00 GMTV begins with **News.** This morning's guests include the agony aunt Marjorie Proops, singer-songwriter Tom Robinson and Robert Beck who plays Peter Harrison in *Brookside* (7610343)
9.25 Runway. Richard Madeley hosts the quiz show (9854169) **9.55 London Today** and weather (2421782)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Topical debate (s) (3540643)
10.35 This Morning. The weekday magazine with Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan. Including at **10.55 ITN News** headlines, and at **11.55 London Today** and weather (64182898)
12.10 Tots TV. Puppet series (9857782)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Carol Barnes and Nicholas Owen. (Oracle) Weather (7300861) **1.05 London Today** (64859188)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian drama series. (Oracle) (981188)
1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama in the Outback (s) (980459)
2.15 Capital Woman. Anneka Rice explores the pleasures and pitfalls of living in London (s) (965140)
2.45 Families. Anglo-Australian soap (s) (7924121) **3.10 ITN News** headlines (9307362) **3.15 London Today** (9306633)
3.20 Blockbusters. Bob Holness hosts the general knowledge quiz for sixth-formers (s) (9709463)
3.50 Children's ITV: The Real Ghostbusters (9277782) **4.15 Harry's Mad.** Second of a six-part drama (s) (585053) **4.45 Cartoon** (3612237) **4.50 Brill.** How games are invented (s) (3133256)
5.10 Home and Away. (Oracle) (r) (3625701)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (112527)
6.00 London Tonight with Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. The guest is Chris Barry from *The Brittas Empire* and *Red Dwarf* (48985)
7.00 Wish You Were Here..? *Anna Walker reports on skiing holidays in* the Austrian resort of Kitzbühel; Nick Owen takes a cruise in the Mediterranean; and Judith Chalmers explores the Lake District. (Oracle) (4343)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (463)
8.00 The Upper Hand: Working Girls. Joanna works with father Charlie. Starring Kellie Bright and Joe McGann (s) (3091)
8.30 World in Action: The Black Sea. As emergency services stand by to evacuate thousands of people from the Shetlands, *World in Action* asks who is to blame for the Braer disaster (9898)

Rock 'n' roll: Ian Embleton and Jackie Morrison (9.00pm)

9.00 Head Over Heels: Hard Headed Woman
● CHOICE: The first original drama from the new Carlton franchise takes a trip back to the teenage fifties and evokes the London of espresso bars, juke boxes and rock 'n' roll. *Head Over Heels* is the story of the rebellious Camilla (Jackie Morrison) who is expelled from school for setting fire to it. But her *nouveau riche* dad is determined to make a lady of her and sends her to a snobby finishing school. Deportment and French lessons are not, however, to Camilla's taste and with handsome young Jimmy (Ian Embleton) she leads a pupils' revolt to the coffee bar across the road. Jane Prowse has created a likeable drama built not too seriously around conflicts of generation (freewheeling youngsters versus stuffy adults) and, to an extent, social class. So far the tone is one of wholesome innocence, though this could change (9508)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Oracle) Weather (13701) **10.30 London Tonight** (555035)
10.40 The Good Sex Guide: Making the Earth Move. Margi Clarke presents a mix of comedy, interviews and expert advice on how to make sex sparkle (544546)
11.10 **Film: Secret Witness** *(1988). Effective thriller about two boys who* discover a murder while playing Peeping Tom. Starring Leaf Phoenix and Kellie Martin. Directed by Eric Laneuville (202879)
12.30am The Beat. The latest music, cinema and fashion (s) (39299)
1.30 Sport AM. Golf and football highlights (57638)
2.30 60 Minutes. American news magazine (60676)
3.30 Videofashion (49164)
4.00 Hollywood Report. Gossip from Tinsel Town (60657)
4.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. The top films of 1992 (r) (55676)
5.00 Riviera. French soap about an aristocratic perfume dynasty (26676) **5.30 ITN Morning News** (15909). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

5.45 Sesame Street. Early learning series (r) (6174546) **6.40 Spiff and Hercules.** Cartoon about a dog and a cat (2423237)
7.00 The Big Breakfast with Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (11492)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show with Bill Cosby (s) (90850)
9.30 Schools (693879)
12.00 Right to Reply. Sheena McDonald presents viewers' comments on the new ITV programmes (r). (Teletext) (s) (10614)
12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is Tyne Daly (73362)
1.30 Lift Off. Education for children (37879)
2.00 Film: Once a Jolly Swagman (1948, b/w). Thin-blooded Ealing drama about a factory worker who endangers his life and marriage with his obsession for speedway racing. Starring Dirk Bogarde and Renée Asherson. Directed by Jack Lee (110508)
3.55 Quinoscopios. Cartoon fun (9418237)
4.00 Call Out. First of two documentaries about the Langdale and Ambleside Mountain Rescue team (r) (782)
4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (966)
5.00 The Late Late Show. Gay Byrne with music and conversation from Dublin (1256)
6.00 Roseanne: Second Time Around. Roseanne helps Crystal prepare for childbirth classes. Starring Roseanne Arnold and John Goodman (r). (Teletext) (459)
6.30 The Cosby Show. Domestic comedy series (r). (Teletext) (411)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow. (Oracle) Weather (365689)
7.50 Comment. A personal opinion (176546)
8.00 Brookside. Merseyside soap. (Teletext) (s) (1633)
8.30 Desmond's: 'Old de Front Page. Comedy in a Peckham barbershop starring Norman Beaton (r). (Teletext) (s) (9940)
9.00 **Cutting Edge: Sudden Death**
● CHOICE: A documentary about people who die alone, with no relatives or friends to arrange their funerals, is inevitably sombre and often distressing. It also makes an oblique comment on a society that allows such things to happen. As the St Pancras coroner observes, the phenomenon is so widespread that it barely makes a paragraph in the local paper. Unidentified corpses are the responsibility of local authorities. Much of the film is concerned with following funeral officers from London boroughs as they try to piece together a person's identity from little scraps of clues. Often the attempts prove abortive and the body goes to a pauper's grave, buried without mourners. Director Anne Parisio handles a tricky *subject with tact and taste while bringing out the terrible sadness of* a life which ends in anonymity. (Teletext) (1350)
10.00 Northern Exposure: Only You. Cult comedy about a New York doctor (Rob Morrow) practising in the Alaskan wilderness (6427)



Frankenstein revisited: Strong, Rozelaar-Green (11.00pm)

11.00 Writing On the Line. The first of four drama-documentaries in which European writers answer questions on the relationship between their creative writing and political commitment. Was Mary Shelley's novel *Frankenstein* a model feminist critique of science? Gwyneth Strong plays Shelley and her creation, Dr Frankenstein, and Frank Rozelaar-Green is the monster (194411)
12.05am Hollywood Legends. Gregory Peck (r) (1352980)
1.05 The Twilight Zone: Sounds and Silences (b/w). John McGiver stars in an eerie tale (8327638). Ends at **1.30**

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VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.15pm-2.45 Graham Kerr (965140) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (9709463) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (3625701) **6.00** Home and Away (909256) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (989091) **11.10** Miller and Mueller (455324) **12.05am** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (1810812) **12.35** The Equalizer (5968589) **1.30** Sport AM (57638) **2.30** Donahue (2474947) **3.20** The Beat (5794102) **4.15** Black Crowes (27920812) **4.30** Riviera (55676) **5.00** Jobs (26676)

BORDER
As London except: 2.15pm-2.45 Dining in France (965140) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (9709463) **6.00** Lookaround (817) **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road (169) **10.40** Film: Damien — Omen II (33619546) **12.35am** The Equalizer (5968589) **1.30** Sport AM (57638) **2.30** Donahue (2474947) **3.20** The Beat (5794102) **4.15** Black Crowes (27920812) **4.30** Riviera (55676) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (26676)

CENTRAL
As London except: 2.15pm-2.45 Graham Kerr (54493492) **3.20-3.50** GP (9709463) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (3625701) **6.00** Home and Away (909256) **6.25-7.00** Central News (989091) **11.10** Film: Terror on Highway 91 (985411) **12.55am** Crime Story (2448636) **1.50** McCloud (2271589) **3.15** 60 Minutes (5779893) **4.10** In Profile (83445909) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (4152367)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15pm A Country Practice (981188) **1.45** Home and Away (980459) **2.15-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (5494817) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (9709463) **5.10-5.40** Bratpack (3625701) **6.00** Home and Away (817) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (169) **10.40** Film: Damien — Omen II (33619546) **12.35am** The Equalizer (5966589) **1.30** Sport AM (57638) **2.30** Donahue (2474947) **3.20** Night Beat (5794102) **4.15** The Black Crowes (27920812) **4.30** Riviera (55676) **5.00** Jobs

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45pm Blockbusters (980459) **2.15-2.45** Graham Kerr (965140) **3.20-3.50** The Sullivans (9709463) **6.00-7.00** HTV News (817) **11.10** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (405324) **11.40** Life Goes On (792492) **12.35am** The Equalizer (5966589) **1.30** Sport AM (57638) **2.30** Donahue (2474947) **3.20** The Beat (5794102) **4.15** Black Crowes (27920812) **4.30** Riviera (55676) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (26676)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales At Six **6.30-7.00** Primetime **11.10-12.35** The 1992 BAFTA Cymru Wales Awards

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15pm-2.45 Graham Kerr (965140) **3.20-3.50** The Yong Doctors (9709463) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (817) **6.30-7.00** Country Ways (169) **11.10** Miller and Mueller (455324) **12.05am-12.30** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (1839947) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (26676)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.45pm-2.45 Island Son (6686362) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (9709463) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (817) **6.30-7.00** College Cuisine (169) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (184324) **12.05am** Film: Call Him Savage (129299) **2.00** Entertainment UK (74675) **3.00** Trans World Sport (70589) **4.00** ITV Chart Show (25605)

ULSTER
As London except: 1.45pm Fair City (980459) **2.15-2.45** Scotland's Larder (965140) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (917362) **11.10** Film: The Dead Don't Die (600362) **12.35am** The Equalizer (5966589) **1.30** Sport *AM* (57638) **2.30** *Donahue* (2474947) **3.20** The Beat (5794102) **4.15** Black Crowes (5794102) **4.30** Riviera (55676) **5.00** Jobs

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45pm Blockbusters (980459) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (965140) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (9709463) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (48985) **10.40** Westcountry Focus (544546) **11.10** *My Story* (206275) **11.15** Murphy's Law (454695) **12.10am** Bagdad Cafe (6914183) **12.35** The Equalizer (5966589) **1.30** Sport AM (57638) **2.30** Donahue (2474947) **3.20** The Beat (5794102) **4.15** Black Crowes (27920812) **4.30** Riviera (55676) **5.00** Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.45pm-2.45 Island Son (6686362) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (9709463) **5.55** Calendar (826546) **6.30-7.00** Enterprise '93 (169) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (184324) **12.05am** Film: Call Him Savage (3186589) **2.00** Entertainment UK (3186589) **3.00** Trans World Sport (70589) **4.00** The ITV Chart Show (25605)

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Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (11492) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (90850) **9.30** Schools (693879) **12.00** Right to Reply (10614) **12.30pm** Slot Meithrin (38508) **1.00** Lift Off (21876) **1.30** A Day in the Life of... (37879) **2.00** Film: Once a Jolly Swagman (110508) **3.55** *A Count of Flowers* (9080922) **4.25** Slot 23 (8300922) **5.00** Countdown (2121) **5.30** Brookside (546) **6.00** News; Heno (266275) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (2965) **7.30** Sgorio (12275) **8.30** News **8.55** Pelydr X (327594) **9.25** Comment **9.30** Cheers (41072) **10.00** Northern Exposure (327782) **10.45** Cutting Edge (3951237) **11.55** Nightingales (269508) **12.25am** Dream On (5829261)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (45277614) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (6873850) **9.10** Karate Kat (1996898) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (90362) **10.00** Strike It Rich (26850) **10.30** The Bold and the Beautiful (89904) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (83633) **12.00** Falcon Crest (80985) **1.00pm** E Street (54121) **1.30** Another World (5957843) **2.15** Santa Barbara (510614) **2.45** Maude (519985) **3.15** The New Leave It To Beaver (516898) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (6767898) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (3256) **6.00** Rescue (4850) **6.30** E Street (8430) **7.00** Alf (4985) **7.30** Family Ties (4614) **8.00** Parker Lewis Can't Lose (3633) **8.30** Evita Peron: Concluding the two-part mini series starring Faye Dunaway (96188) **10.30** Studs (60633) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (71898) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
Twenty-four hour news service

SKY MOVIES+
6.00am Showcase (4742362)
10.00 Original Intent (1990): Lawyer Jay Richardson helps the needy (72986)
12.00 Cockeyed Cowboys of Calico County (1970): Comedy western (31782)
2.00pm Once Upon a Dead Man (1971): A detective looks for a sarcophagus (13237)
4.00 Mrs Pollifax — Spy (1971): Comedy with Rosalind Russell as a CIA spy (8188)
6.00 Original Intent (as 10am) (26701)
8.00 Career Opportunities (1991): Frank Whaley and Jennifer Connelly spend the night in a department store (75393362)
9.40 UK Top Ten (738121)
10.00 Fear (1990): Psychic Ally Sheedy helps the police to find a serial killer with similar powers (569362)
11.35 Nightbreed (1990): Craig Sheffer turns into a monster (311072)
1.20am High School (1988): Comedy about a student film (5791386)
2.50 Silver Bullet (1985): Corey Haim combats a werewolf (802367)
4.30 Sibling Rivalry (1990): Kirstie Alley has an affair (38015). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm White Heat (1949, b/w): James Cagney as a mother-fixated gangster (17091)
8.00 Full Moon High (1981): Comedy starring Adam Arkin as a footballer who becomes a werewolf (96508)
10.00 Nightmare in Badham County (1976): Two girls are captured by white slave traders (39411). Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
7.00am Alice Through the Looking Glass: Cartoon of Lewis Carroll's story (77072)
9.00 The General Died at Dawn (1936, b/w): Mercenary Gary Cooper falls for spy Madeleine Carroll (36237)
11.00 The Uninvited (1944, b/w): A brother and sister rent a haunted house (40782)
1.00pm Leadbelly (1976): Biopic of blues guitarist Huddie Ledbetter (96998343)
3.10 Alice Through the Looking Glass (as 7am) (57382121)
4.50 Columbo Goes to College (1991): Starring Peter Falk (46994689)
7.00 Vestige of Honour (1990): Soldier Gerald McRaney returns to Thailand (88324)
9.00 Spymaker — The Secret Life of Ian Fleming (1991): Jason Connery stars as the James Bond author (35459)
11.00 Betty Blue (1986): The story of two French lovers (48343)
1.00am Little Darlings (1980): Two girls discuss sex at summer camp (220928)
2.40 The Lonely Passion of Judith Hearne (1987): Maggie Smith plays a *middle-aged spinster* (25508638)
5.00 You Were Never Lovelier (1942, b/w): Musical comedy starring Fred Astaire and Rita Hayworth (76893). Ends at **7.00**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Stretch (84898) **7.00** Rugby League (95492) **9.00** Stretch (37904) **9.30** The Big League (40362) **11.30** Stretch (40817) **12.00** PGA Golf (88614) **2.00pm** Jack High (76879) **3.00** FA Premier League: Sheffield Wednesday v Norwich City (44633) **4.00** Jack High (23140) **5.00** AMA Supercross (5256) **6.00** Soccer News (688411) **6.03** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (8409) **6.30** Goal (4459) **7.00** The WWF Survivor Series (652782) **10.00** Soccer News (549459) **10.03** Boots and All (64985) **11.00** Goal (31189) **11.30** Fishing the West (97362) **12.00-2.00am** World Cup Cricket (95744)

EUROSPORT
8.00am Step Aerobics (41891) **8.30** Skiing (13512) **10.30** Step Aerobics (26256) **11.00** Motorsport (29459) **12.00** Euroscores (19508) **12.30pm** Sailing (53430) **1.00** Nordic Skiing (58985) **2.00** Tennis Hopman Cup (5356817) **6.00** Figure Skating (68701) **8.00** Eurofun (6071) **8.30** News (6508) **9.00** Eurogoals (56966) **10.00** Boxing (13459) **11.30-12.00** Eurosport News (82430)

SCREENSPORT
7.00am Volleyball (17966) **8.00** Show Jumping (18695) **9.00** Bowling (15817) **10.00** Basketball (12169) **11.00** Paris-Dakar Rally (30430) **11.30** Basketball (83411) **1.30pm** Touring Cars (79169) **2.30** Golf (12091) **3.30** Paris-Dakar Rally (2237) **4.00** Monster Trucks (4072) **4.30** Football (38063) **5.30** Muay Thai (36527) **6.30** Ice Hockey (88695) **8.30** Paris-Dakar Rally (2782) **9.00** Football Europa (27966) **9.30** Gillette Sport (46140) **10.00** Boxing (82527) **11.00** Paris-Dakar Rally (22411) **11.30** Ten Pin Bowling (94546) **12.30am** NBA Action (73473)

LIFESTYLE
10.00am The Spiral Zone (91188) **10.30** Rambo (26898) **11.00** Gloss (32898) **11.30** The Joan Rivers Show (6955527) **12.15pm** Sally Jessy Raphael (1281701) **1.10** David Hamilton's People (77446324) **1.40** Sell-a-Vision (42365782) **2.10** I Can Jump Puddles (4345035) **3.00** The New Newlywed Game (7614) **3.30** The Mothers-in-Law (8643) **4.00** Dick Van Dyke (9140) **4.30** Gameshows (23121) **5.30** Sell-a-Vision (9904) **6.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (69091) **7.00** Sell-a-Vision (645492) **10.00** Jukebox Music Videos (1599275) **2.30-3.00am** Top Five (69676)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (57073904) **6.15** Chorlton and the Wheelies (57078459) **6.30** Visionaries (9152817) **7.00** Defenders of the Earth (2515695) **7.30** Neighbours (2527430) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (5170546) **8.30** EastEnders (5179817) **9.00** The Bill (5160169) **9.30** The Duchess of Duke Street (8498411) **10.30** Shoestring (5159527) **11.30** Terry and June (7314427) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (5173633) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7835072) **1.00** EastEnders (2514966) **1.30** The Bill (7834343) **2.00** George and Mildred (1159140) **2.30** After Henry (7944879) **3.00** Dallas (3714463) **4.00** Defenders of the Earth (7968459) **4.30** Degrassi Junior High (7957343) **5.00** Neighbours (1140492) **5.30** Dr Who: The War Machines (7948695) **6.00** The Duchess of Duke Street (7843091) **7.00** George and Mildred (1160256) **7.30** Terry and June (7958072) **8.00** EastEnders (1179904) **8.30** After Henry (1158411) **9.00** Shoestring (1951362) **10.00** The Bill (5174362) **10.30** Three of a Kind (5150782) **11.00** The Goodies (9314607) **11.30** Film: The Arizonian (1935, b/w) starring Richard Dix and Margot Grahame (4468985) **12.45-1.30am** Video Bites (3574015)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air: Andrew MacGregor presents music, news, weather and travel. Including Suppé (Overture, Poet and Peasant: Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Thomas Beecham); Haydn (Symphony No 6 in D, Le Matin: English Concert under Trevor Pinnock); Telemann (Concerto in B flat for oboes, violins and continuo: *Vienna Concentus* Musicus under Nikolaus Harnoncourt); Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 2 in G minor: Kyung-Wha Chung: London Symphony Orchestra under André Previn)
9.00 Composers of the Week: Bohemians in Vienna, presented by Patrick Lambert. A programme about the lesser known Czech composers who flocked to Vienna from the impoverished province of Bohemia in the 18th and 19th centuries, and were overshadowed by Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven. Pavel Vranicky (Allegro, Divertimento: Consortium Classicum); Jan Vanhal (Flute Concerto in E flat: Bruno Meier; Prague Chamber Orchestra); Josef Stepan (Sonata in A: Rudolf Bernatik, piano); Vaclav Pichl (Symphony in D, Mars: Prague Chamber Orchestra)
10.00 Morning Sequence: Nicolai (Overture, The Merry Wives of Windsor: BBC Concert Orchestra under Lionel Friend); Schumann (Waldszenen, Op 82: Claudio Arrau, piano); Delius (La Calinda: BBC Concert Orchestra under Lionel Friend); Beethoven (String Quartet in C, Op 59 No 3, Rasumovsky: Alban Berg Quartet); *Bourgeois* (Symphony No 3: BBC Concert Orchestra under Christopher Adey)
12.00 Vintage Years: Adolf Busch. Robert Philip plays a selection of the violinist's recordings
1.00pm News
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert, live from St John's, Smith Square, London. Boris Pergamenshikov, cello, and Pavel Gililov, piano, play Schumann (Three Romances, Op 94); Chopin (Sonata in G minor, Op 65); Debussy (Sonata in D *minor*)
2.05 Third Opinion: Christopher Cook looks at French cinema and reviews *Tous les matins du monde* and *L 627* (r)
2.50 Bavarian Radio SO under Zubin Mehta performs Sibelius (Violin Concerto in D minor with Midori); Strauss (An Alpine Symphony)
4.20 Hexham Abbey Festival 1992: *Thomas Trotter,* organ, plays Bach (Toccata in C, BWV 564); Nicolas de Grigny (Ave maris stella); Liszt (Prelude and Fuge on Bach)
5.00 In Tune: Jeremy Nicholas presents music, news and weather, and talks to the American soprano Dawn Upshaw
7.30 BBC Philharmonic under Owain Arwel Hughes performs Rossini (Overture, William Tell); Elgar (Cello Concerto in E minor: Julian Lloyd Webber); Brahms (Symphony No 1 in C minor)
9.10 Words: Richard Hoggart reflects on language and its misapplications
9.15 Beethoven and Bridge: The Maggini Quartet plays Beethoven (String Quartet in E minor, Op 59 No 2, Rasumovsky); Bridge (Three Idylls) (r)
10.10 Alicia de Larrocha: In the first of three BBC recitals recorded in 1970, the pianist plays Debussy (La puerta del vina, Préludes); Albéniz (El Albaicín; Rondeña; Triana, Iberia); Ravel (Alborada del gracioso, Miroirs) (r)
10.45 Mixing It: Robert Sandall and Mark Russell present music mixing styles and influences
11.30 Sonatas and Anthems: The Purcell Quartet performs early *English sonatas composed by* William Young and Henry Butler, and the Choir of New College, Oxford, under Edward Higginbottom sings anthems by Blow (I beheld, and lo a great multitude); Humfrey (By the waters of Babylon); Purcell (My Beloved Spake)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25am Night School (as Radio 5 at 1.05pm)
2.30-3.00 Night School Extra: *English study texts:* introduction

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day with the Rev Peter Read **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day with Rabbi Lionel Blue **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.43** There's a Tortoise on the Line: Mark Steyn considers what it takes to be a royal in the nineties **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Start the Week, with Melvyn Bragg and Brenda Maddox. The guests are Jonathan Aitken, Victoria Glendinning and John Carey (s)
10.00-10.30 Wordly Wise (FM only): Peter Hobday asks questions about the English *language. With Roy Hattersley* MP, Liz Lochhead and Roger McGough (s)
10.00 Daily Service (LW only) from Christ Church, Londonderry
10.15 Paradise Regained (LW only): John Milton's sequel to *Paradise Lost* (7/9) (s)
10.30 Woman's Hour examines what Bill Clinton's presidency will mean for women; talks to Helen Sharman, Britain's first astronaut, about her new science programme for children, and to Penelope Wilton about *The Deep Blue Sea* at the Almeida (s). Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 4444, with Vincent Duggleby. Lines open from 10am (s)
12.00 You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm Ukridge by P.G. Wodehouse. Our hero has ideas about canine improvement schemes in Kent. Starring Griff Rhys Jones (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) (s) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Salamander Cheat: In Grant Eustace's sequel to *Absolute Discretion,* Alice Selwood (Jane Slavin) arrives in Oxford to find Arthur, and tries to find out the true identity of her father (s) (r)
3.30 No Triumph, No Tragedy
● CHOICE: Peter White is doubly qualified to interview David Blunkett, shadow health spokesman. He, like the MP, is blind. His chairing of *In Touch,* Radio 4's weekly magazine for the blind and partially sighted, is an object lesson in how to blend information, sympathy and fun without trivialising any of them. In his second enquiry into the ways disability has shaped people's lives, he presses Blunkett hard to give chapter and verse why, as Labour's health spokesman, he has chosen not to make the blind an important plank in his political platform
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: Robert Dawson Scott reports on the Bolshoi *Ballet's* visit to *Britain;* and investigates the popularity of the television drama, *Inspector Morse,* as the series enters its final run (s)
4.45 Short Story: *Marabou,* by Joy Williams. Read by Buffy Davis
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Just a Minute! (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Orlando, by Virginia Woolf. Born in the reign of Elizabeth I, Orlando came into the world a boy and died a woman. With Jenny Stoller as Orlando and Margot Boyd as Elizabeth (r) (s)
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r) (s)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White (s) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Richard Kershaw (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Mr Olim, by Ernest Raymond. Read by Ian Holm (1/10)
11.00 Decline and Fall: Second of a six-part adaptation of Evelyn Waugh's novel (r) (s)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

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News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm. 6.00am** World Service: World News; **6.09** News About Britain; **6.15** Europe Now **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.30** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative **11.30** BFBS Worldwide **12.30pm** Body Talk **1.05** Schools: Topic Resources 5-7; **1.20** English 9-11; **1.40** Poetry Corner; **1.50** Let's Move!; **2.10** History 9-11 **2.30** A Game of Two Halves **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** Brassic, by Juliet Ace (3/6) **7.15** The Island of Adventure, by Enid Blyton (8/10) **7.30** Champion Sport **9.30** The Black Museum, introduced by Orson Welles. The Jack Handle **10.00** Sport **10.10** The Mix, incl **11.00** Sport **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

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CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons with John Chesworth **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Close Encounters of a Musical Kind with Jon Tolansky **8.00** Classic FM Concert: Cleveland Orchestra under Vladimir Ashkenazy, piano. Programme includes Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 1 in C, Op 15); Sibelius (Symphony No 2 in D, Op 43) **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

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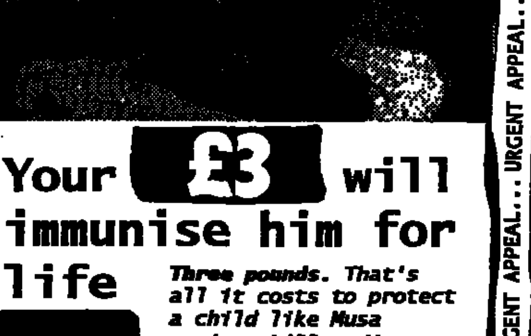

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Bank charges put Taurus in firing line

By Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

■ The much-delayed, accident-prone and widely criticised share trading system will face more hostility after newly announced charges associated with the launch

A YEAR before Taurus, the London Stock Exchange paperless share trading system, is likely to start operating, Barclays Bank is preparing to charge some individual investors because of the change.

The scale of the charges by Barclays and possibly other banks is certain to renew criticism of Taurus by private investor lobbyists. Banks will also be accused of taking advantage of the much-delayed implementation of Taurus to generate additional revenues from securities handling services.

Barclays will levy charges on shares lodged with the bank as collateral for loans. Under Taurus, share certificates will be abolished. Barclays insists that such shares must in future be held in its own nominee accounts rather than in the name of the holder.

The bank will charge £20 per holding to transfer each security into its nominee account and £20 a year per holding, plus charges for any changes in the portfolio.

In a letter to a small business customer of a north London branch, which the bank confirms is part of its general policy, the charges are blamed squarely on Taurus.

In the case of this customer, a friend's share portfolio, actively traded and held to support a guarantee for a loan of only £10,000, contains 31 stocks. Barclays would therefore charge £1,240 in the first year, before unspecified charges on any transactions. The local Barclays business manager understandably suggested consultations before moving ahead. Existing contracts for loans under £15,000 may be protected under the Consumer Credit Act.

Barclays said it had not yet fixed charges for other customers using the bank as an account holder under the Taurus system. Charges might be different for investors simply dealing in shares.

The action seems to confirm fears expressed by investors in letters to *The Times* that Taurus would undermine the practice of third parties lodging portfolios of shares as collateral for loans to friends or relatives. It will also encourage widespread fears that Taurus will raise costs to private investors.

Writing in *The Times* in October, Sir Andrew Hugh Smith, chairman of the Stock Exchange, sought to reassure private investors that their fears were unfounded. Any charge on a company security could be recorded on a company's Taurus account, leaving the investor the option of maintaining his electronic share record with the company or with the bank.

The exchange confirmed this weekend that it should be possible under Taurus to make arrangements with company account holders, which are unlikely to charge their own shareholders.

Barclays said its move was partly due to the "unacceptable risk of fraud", although the Stock Exchange has insisted that this will be much reduced by the impending switch to Taurus. Barclays also admitted it wanted to use the opportunity to convert loan collateral arrangements to a legal charge and said the large costs involved must be recovered from customers.

Payout plea for elderly

By Lindsay Cook, Money Editor

THE High Court will be asked tomorrow to order the Investors' Compensation Scheme (ICS) to pay more to 2,000 elderly people who have suffered losses by taking out loans against their homes to invest in bonds.

The court will hear two applications for judicial review that are being made by Barnett Sampson, a firm of solicitors representing about 700 homeowners.

The compensation scheme was set up by the Securities and Investments Board under the Financial Services Act. The High Court is being asked to rule that compensation equal to the civil liability of the broker who sold the policy should be paid by the scheme, up to the £48,000 limit per claim. The ICS will vigorously contest the applications, but it has told claimants that if the court rules in favour of the applications it would reopen all the cases already settled.

The scheme has already paid out £3.5 million to 221 claimants.

WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

JERKWATER
a. An erotic picture
b. A branch train
c. A sentimental novelette

ANGIOMA
a. A stepmother
b. A tumour
c. A stucco corner

PROPOSITA
a. The agenda
b. A preposition
c. A female propositus

TOATOA
a. French toast
b. A sock
c. The celery pine

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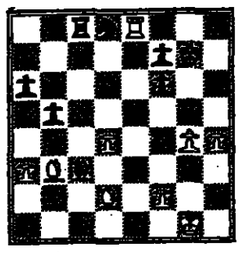
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



This position is from the game Short — Hubner, Manila 1990. White could capture the black bishop on c3, but then the recapture by the rook would threaten white's bishop on b3. Can white do better? Nigel Short's Candidate's Final match against Jan Timman is currently in progress. The match is being played in El Escorial, near Madrid, the headquarters, chosen by Philip II to plot the Armada in 1588.

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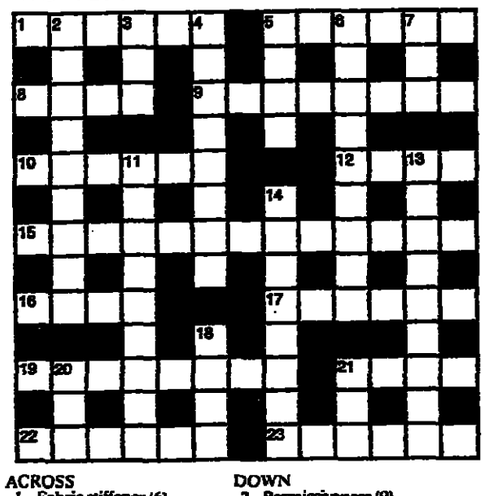

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1 Fabric stiffener (6)
5 Blunt refusal (6)
8 Thrash (4)
9 Petrol (8)
10 Volcano pit (6)
12 Tramp (4)
15 Lack of feeling (13)
16 Hitler deputy (4)
17 Probable (6)
19 Parasol (8)
21 Metal marquetry (4)
22 Critical point (6)
23 Powerful shock (6)

DOWN
2 Permissiveness (9)
3 Local paper (3)
4 Great danger (4,4)
5 Foolhardy (4)
6 Early Russian Communist (9)
7 Merriment (3)
11 Riches (9)
13 Jesus birthplace (9)
14 Robust (8)
18 Gifts to poor (4)
20 Spoil (3)
21 Constricting snake (3)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 2991

ACROSS: 1 Hypochondriac 8 Realm 9 Dead Sea 10 Pie 11 Epoch 12 Refined 14 Hungry 16 Beyond 20 Sultana 23 A bomb 24 Rum 25 Numbing 26 Idols 27 Thoughtlessly

DOWN: 1 Horse chestnut 2 Platoon 3 Camphor 4 Orders 5 Dwarf 6 Ibsen 7 Claude Debussy 13 Icy 15 Gut 17 Examine 18 Odorous 19 Target 21 Limbo 22 Aging

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ADRIAN BROOKS

More Magic Kingdom: Cheryl Spreadbury shows a young "guest" round the Disney Store at Bentalls shopping centre in Kingston upon Thames, one of the 16 outlets to have sprouted in Britain since Walt Disney opened its first one in Regent Street, London, in the autumn of 1990. The latest store has just opened at the Brent Cross Shopping Centre, north London and more are planned this year.

Shoppers, known as "guests" in Disneyspeak, are welcomed by staff, wearing cheerleader costumes who are primed to answer questions on all aspects of Disney. City analysts hoping to prize some hard numbers out of management are likely to have less luck. Disney said Christmas trading was "very, very strong" but will not be more specific. Neither will it say how many new stores are planned. Similar uncertainty reigns at the Euro Disney theme park at Paris; winter remains an unknown, says Michael Eisner, Disney's chairman, and the company cannot yet say when it expects the park to become profitable, though a fast start has been made according to the annual report.

Growth in 1992 was expected to take Disney's UK shop sales from £1.8 million to £22 million and create about 300 new jobs.

Hanson swaps last gold asset for coal in US

By Colin Campbell, Mining Correspondent

HANSON is to swap its last big gold asset, acquired when it took over Consolidated Gold Fields in 1989, for more US coal interests.

The exchange, worth $500 million, involves Hanson's wholly owned Gold Fields Mining Corporation, owner of Chimney Creek gold mine in Nevada and the Mesquite gold mine in California, for the coal interests of Santa Fe Pacific Minerals Corporation, part of the $2.4 billion Santa Fe rail and energy group.

The gold-for-coal exchange is structured in similar fashion to Hanson's October, 1990, deal with Sir James Goldsmith, the financier, when Hanson swapped a 49 per cent stake in Newmont Mining — also inherited from the ConsGold takeover — for Sir James's Cavenham Forest Industries timber group.

Hanson is known to have been trying to sell GFMC for months, but a number of world mining groups are said to have balked at Hanson's price — up to $1 billion.

Because of tax implications in shedding GFMC and the lower gold price, Hanson's original asking price has fallen to about $500 million.

In its 1992 annual report, Hanson said it had long-term faith in gold mining, but gave warning of a further profits deterioration at GFMC in 1993. In contrast, Hanson has been consistently positive about coal, stressing that it is a "core" interest.

The exchange fits with Hanson's philosophy of being a big player in an industry where it can have influence. It was because Hanson was locked into Newmont and could do little to improve its cash flow, that its Newmont stake went to Sir James in 1990.

The persistent weakness of the world gold price, over which Hanson has no influence, has helped crystallise the group's latest asset sale. Hanson said on Friday "we never comment on market rumours", but conceded no single asset was sacrosanct.

GFMC's trading profits fell to £29 million (£38 million) in the year to September 1992. Trading profits of Hanson's coal interests fell from £170 million to £157 million.

The asset swap needs formal approval of America's Securities and Exchange Commission. Ownership of Santa Fe's Lee Ranch coal mine in New Mexico — the mine has reserves of 726 million tonnes — would complement Hanson's Peabody coal interests, and entrench its position as one of the largest coal owners.

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BP aims for £250m from latest sale

By George Sivell, City Editor

BP is poised to raise £250 million from the sale of its consumer products subsidiary, which includes the Robert McBride personal care and household products business.

When completed, the deal will take the oil group's disposal receipts to an estimated $900 million for 1993 and follows up disposals for 1992 estimated at $1.7 billion. BP's corporate plan projects disposals of between $1.5 and $2 billion for both 1992 and 1993 as the group strives to concentrate on oil exploration and production, petrol retailing and petrochemicals.

This is part of BP plans to pay off debt at $1 billion a year from 1993 onwards. Debts currently stand at $16 billion. Capital expenditure has been cut from $8 billion in 1991 to an estimated $6.5 billion in 1992 and a projected $5 billion in 1993 and 1994.

S G Warburg, the merchant bank, has compiled a list of bidders for the consumer products business, of which Robert McBride is a large part. McBride makes own-label personal care and household products for supermarket groups. It employs 3,500 at 12 factories in Britain, France, Italy and Belgium.

BP said it could not comment on the consumer products sales.

Profits confidence signals a revival

By Neil Bennett

BUSINESSMEN are expecting an economic revival this year and confidently predicting a rise in sales and profits, according to a survey by Dun & Bradstreet, the business information group.

The survey shows that businesses have become increasingly optimistic since Norman Lamont's Autumn Statement in November and are more confident now about future profits than they have been for three years.

Dun & Bradstreet said that 39 per cent of nearly 2,000 businesses in the survey expect profits to rise in the current quarter, compared with only 22 per cent that think they will fall. More than two thirds of companies expect sales to rise or remain the same, while optimism about exports is even more pronounced due to the weak value of the pound.

The South East and East Anglia are leading the surge in confidence, while the West Midlands is the most cautious region.

The East Midlands is the most optimistic about exports, although, unlike the rest of the country, its confidence about sales and new orders has fallen since the last quarter. Dun & Bradstreet also says that the forecasts of rising sales are more cautious than they were a year ago, when managers awaited an economic recovery that never came.

The new confidence has reached most industries except construction. About half of manufacturers and retailers expect a rise in sales and new orders, a sharp increase on the results of the autumn survey, in which most businesses were expecting to see sales, orders and profits continue to fall. In construction, however, only 19 per cent hope to increase sales while 54 per cent expect them to fall. The survey also shows that the outlook on jobs is still gloomy. More than a third of companies expect to lay off further staff during the quarter, while only 18 per cent are planning to take on fresh workers. The construction industry is likely to be hardest hit. Almost two thirds of companies in the sector are planning to shed further jobs in the next three months.

On the positive side, inflationary pressure remains weak. Only 17 per cent of companies expect to pass on cost increases to customers, compared with 37 per cent planning to cut prices. This continues a pattern established in late 1991, when companies reined their prices back to try to protect their shrinking order books.

The Autumn Statement made a significant impact on business confidence. Forty six per cent of managing directors believe their companies will benefit from the Chancellor's announcement, compared with only 28 per cent who do not believe there will be any improvement.

Business confidence has recovered several times during the recession but on each occasion it has been dashed when an economic upturn has failed to materialise.

Philip Mellor, Dun & Bradstreet's marketing manager, says the survey confirms suggestions that recovery may finally be ready to take hold. "For many companies this will be a make-or-break period. In the sharp competitive market, the key to survival will be adherence to strict financial disciplines."

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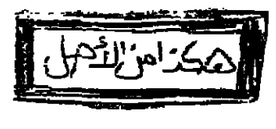
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